Korea CARP Festival and National Joint Service

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The Korean College Association for the Research of Principles hosted the 2015 CARP Festival and National Joint Service in Chung Pyung October 3-4. FFWPU, YFWP and the Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center sponsored it.

We held a sports festival, a special lecture by Professor Yeon Ah Moon, the president of WFWP International, and a worship and prayer session on the first day.



Sun Jin Moon welcomes CARP members

First, 384 CARP members came to the Seolak Sports Park under a bright autumn sky for the sports festival. We chose for the event the theme "United CARP! Cheers for Unification!" We split the large group into four teams: Daedong (from the Seoul, Chuncheon, Gangwon Districts), Dangyeol (Sun Moon University 1), Hwahap (SMU 2) and Tongil (the Gyeonggi, Incheon, Yeongnam, Honam Districts).

Each team competed in various games including soccer, kickball, dodgeball, tug-of-war and a relay race.

The teams competed against one another until a team won the finals. As their team names suggested, everyone stood together and united with their teams throughout each game. They finished off the festival by posing for a group photograph, while shouting out for the deep-seated hope of our loving True Parents-Korea unification.

Following the sporting competitions, President Moon, of WFWP International, gave a special lecture at the Heaven and Earth Training Center in the Chinhwa Building. President Moon said, "I hope you live a life of faith with True Parents' heart." She concluded her lecture

encouraging us, by saying, "Discover an area that you can enjoy studying, become a professional, and become CARP members who can develop alongside your brothers and sisters." She spoke for two hours and joined us in a group photograph all together and by team. Everyone expressed their gratitude toward her and gratefully ate the bread and cakes provided. They concluded the day with a worship prayer session, which Sun Moon University CARP had prepared.

On the second day, our schedule covered Hoon Dok Hae, a Tongil Foundation job fair and a joint service. During morning Hoon Dok Hae, we read about unification. Through those words, we were able to reflect once again on the depth of our resolve to achieve Korean unification. Next, a representative from the Tongil Foundation spoke about the various institutions and organizations affiliated with the Tongil Group and briefly spoke about the 2015 employment situation.

In order to achieve success, we offered a national CARP joint service during the second semester for universities. Many leaders attended, including Sun Jin Moon, international president of FFWPU; In Sup Park, vice-president of FFWPU International; Yeon Ah Moon, international president of WFWP; Lee Ki Seong and Lee Myung Kwan, chairman and vice-chairman of the Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center; Cho Song II, secretary-general of the International Headquarters, and Im Dong Seong, secretary-general of World-CARP. The Cheongshim Band performed their Sound of Miracles Music grand prize winning song, "Cheongshim." From Sun Moon University, they gave a performance that had as its theme, Korea reunification. Shinmyung Band, from the central District, led the congregation in song and then the service began with a representative prayer by a CARP member from the Yongnam District.



Professor Yeon ah Moon giving a lecture

Next came testimonies on some of the member's experiences during summer CARP activities. A student from the Changwon CARP center talked about his business challenge in studying, doing church activities and visiting China to equip himself with economic power. A student from the Seoul District spoke about the summer devotion team. A student from the Chungcheon District gave a report titled "From Mt. Baekdu to Mt. Halla," which was about Korean reunification. A student from the Central District gave a summary on all the activities that happened since the beginning of the school year until then. The participants were able share with one another about their activities and reflect on how to best begin the next semester. Sun Jin nim and her husband presented awards won through the sports festival on the previous day. Team Dangyeol was first, team Daedong was second and Tongil and Hwahap tied for third. Following this, Sun Jin nim gave a welcoming speech. She began with complimenting CARP for following True Mother's instructions to five hundred people in order to have a successful workshop and for the CARP's revitalizations of their bands. She concluded her speech with, "I love how Korea CARP members are hopeful that they can achieve unification. Unification between North Korea and South Korea is Heavenly Parent's,

True Parents and the world's dream. I hope that the next semester becomes a new beginning for unification." [Note: Her speech was not recorded. Her remarks here are translated from Korean.]



The Cheongshim Band and the Kangwon band, N Over 1, performed the main worship songs, which were followed by a speech from Korea CARP president, Moon Sang Pil. He said, "The 2015 CARP Festival was a time to reflect on the past semester and resolve to begin with a new heart. How are we going to respond to True Parents calling through this festival, under the theme "United CARP!

Cheers for Unification!"? We need to show them stronger passion, preparedness and real transformation." He continued, "I hope that as proud CARP members, you become those who are successful in your own environments," and closed with a prayer.

After a song offered by Shinmyeong Band, all participants were given time to offer passionate prayers to promise Heavenly Parent and True Parents that they would fulfill their goals during the second semester.

They then sang "Song for the Day of Unification" and finished with three cheers of Og Mansei.

During the two-day program, over four hundred Korea CARP members gained confidence in dreaming about and initiating Korean reunification.

We are grateful to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for this time and we promise to develop and be successful in many activities for unification domestically and internationally. We hope to give glory, joy and fresh hope to God.

