## After the Garden: CARP Takes Substantial Steps for Peace

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The Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) recently held its <u>Momentum</u> <u>Leadership Retreat</u>. Since then, most of the participants have started preparing internally for the new school year. We also just finished a monthly national CARP call to connect to <u>True Mother's words from</u> <u>Madison Square Garden</u>, share updates, and make plans for the future. We, as CARP America, want to work towards the Re-Unification of North and South Korea and create a world of peace. We are developing plans to make this a reality, knowing that where America moves, the world will follow.

Here are a few of CARP members' testimonies of what they have accomplished in this past week since being back home:

"Coming back from the CARP Momentum workshop, I wanted to keep my spirit up as well as share it to others. Being back home was challenge in itself, but in just four days so much can happen. After I came back home, I went to my college campus to take part in a Divine Principle study with a guest. That definitely rekindled the fire that started within me. My excitement for witnessing grew because I had a deeper understanding of its value. I especially want to help alleviate even a small burden off of True Mother and guide my brothers and sisters to live a fulfilling life.

Futhermore, I took action upon my commitment I made in front of everyone at Momentum to share the blessing by witnessing to two of my friends. It was back-to-back on how everything played out. It was more challenging than just approaching someone at campus. Nonetheless I had a sense of peace because I could trust that God would work through me as the only mediator God has to reach out to my friends who invested so much into me. I am determined to continue trusting that the conditions I make are making a difference for God."

-K. Kawa (Los Angeles)

"Coming back from CARP Momentum, I felt more determination to go out witnessing on my campus. I also felt a lot of inspiration and support from the rest of the participants of Momentum. Throughout this whole week, simple practices of daily life of faith habits have been helping me A LOT! I have been reading around 30 minutes of Hoon Dok Hwe (scripture) each morning, followed by a 7-minute prayer, which was then followed by a super quick reflection to get everything down on paper.

I want to determine to reach out to those that I haven't reached out to for a while. So I want to start off with a goal of having one deep conversation with someone within this next week, with the main goal of listening to them, and if any opportunity is given I will share my blessings/testimony with them." -K. Nagai (Los Angeles)

"For the first time in a long time, I came back after the Momentum retreat and woke up the next morning with a strong desire of wanting to read more about True Parents and their vision for the world and for me as an individual. It's been very empowering." -G. von Euw (Bay Area)