

CARP Los Angeles, CA and ACLC's Rally at the Los Angeles, CA Family Church

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Based on the success of the Revival Starts With Me (RSWM) Rally at the City of Refuge on Dec. 16 2017, CARP Los Angeles (LA) and the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) teamed up again to host a second rally to continue to share the message and hope of revival.

On April 7th, 2018, 300 people attended the second rally at the Los Angeles Family Church. The intention for this gathering was to build personal and intimate relationships with each of the participants and inspire them to become partners in making CARP's vision a reality.

Preparation



CARP leaders visited 14 different churches to share the vision of RSWM.

Like the last rally, we had two fronts of outreach. We invited our friends and chapters from our college

campuses, and we asked our friends from ACLC and their church contacts to come out too.



CARP chapters presented the vision and mission of the rally in their club meetings.

Seven college and high school campuses and fourteen church leaders were represented at the April 7th rally. The host community, the Los Angeles Family Church, part of Family Federation of World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), also came in support.

"Although the event itself was great, to me the revival moments came during the process of putting it together with others who hold the same vision as I do. I struggled and saw others struggle, but seeing them continue forward despite the challenges was inspiring. The Revival started before the event even started." – Yuka Oiwa, CARP PCC Vice-President

The Program



Patrick Bolton and his band brought incredible energy to the rally.

Patrick Bolton, the Band Leader at City of Refuge, started the rally with some inspiring songs that

demanded audience participation. The participants danced, sang, and shouted. It set an exciting and vibrant atmosphere!

Rev. Young Tack Yang, the Senior Pastor of the Los Angeles Family Church, gave a few welcoming remarks before S. Takhar, Pasadena City College (PCC) CARP President, took the stage as the emcee for the event.



Rev. Matthew Wheaton Jr. gave the opening prayer.

Co-Chairman of ACLC LA, Dr. Nicholas Benson, gave the opening remarks, noting the diversity of crowd and the number of youth leaders who stepped up to make the rally happen. He was followed by Rev. Matthew Wheaton Jr. for the opening prayer.



The audience joined hands for the opening prayer.

Patrick Bolton gave an encore performance quieting the mood for a video introduction of the history of mission of the 'Revival Starts With Me' rallies, created by CARP Cypress member, Isaac Takeu.



"Unity and fellowship really bring out the best in people, and this event was no exception! It did just that and brought people from many different cultures, backgrounds, etc. together for a night of fun, unity, and worship! I can't wait till the next rally of RSWM!" – Nico Anthony, El Camino College

The Message



J. Holmes, CARP Cypress President, shared a personal revival testimony.

CARP Cypress President, J. Holmes, shared his perspective as a college student with an impassioned speech about the state of division in each of us and related that to his own personal testimony and the RSWM mission statement.

He also shared about the Founders of CARP, Father and Mother Moon, and their life testimony. He shared that they endured suffering and persecution and even imprisonment in concentration camps to share their message of peace and love. J. said he looks to them as role models and hopes to follow in their footsteps.



Y. Gomez expresses the spirit of love and peace through his song.

He was followed by local artist, Y. Gomez, who shared an original song, *Letter from Heaven*.



Dr. JoAnna Schilling takes the stage!

After that, Cypress College President, Dr. JoAnna Schilling, shared the collegiate administration perspective. Her speech was about the four values from Cypress College: Integrity, Excellence, Collegiality, and Inclusiveness, and how they related to RSWM. She expressed how happy and proud she was to be a part of a group of young people who are not only inspired, but make concrete steps to achieving their higher purpose.



Bishop Noel Jones inspires the audience.

Representing the church clergy present, Bishop Noel Jones gave a speech on the spiritual and Biblical perspective on division and the solutions. His words affirmed the mission of RSWM from a Christian perspective.



The audience made new friends and deepened relationships in their pair share.

After every speech, S. led the group in a pair share. The final discussion was about how they can apply what they heard after the rally. It was during these times the audience members were encouraged to share their hearts and make new friends.



"The part that stood out most was how nice and welcoming everyone there was. It felt easy to get along with everyone. I was able to experience revival by reflecting upon past actions in my life as I listened to the speakers." – D. Taylor, Cerritos College



A former member of the Hyo Jin Moon Band, M. Ishizuka performed with passion and fervor.

The Los Angeles Family Band performed the song, *My Pledge*, which was written by former World CARP President, Hyo Jin Moon.



Pastor Nisan Stewart and T. Hiraki share their reflections and a prayer.

Then, Pastor Nisan Stewart shared his reflection with the audience, and CARP Cal State LA Member, T. Hiraki, led everyone in a unison prayer.



*CARP LA performs their show-stopper, *Mujogeon*, to close the rally.*

The LA Family Church Band concluded the event with an original song, *We Are One*, and accompanied CARP LA members who performed the *Mujogeon* dance.

Vision Cafe



K. Nagai, CARP ECC President, shares about CARP's vision to interested students.

The program then shifted to an interactive cafe experience called Vision Cafe. CARP, ACLC, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), and other organizations set up booths to share what they've been doing and inspire the participants to connect.



Food and drink were available as well as a photo booth and time for fellowship. It was an opportunity for everyone to feel connected to each other by striving for a higher purpose.



Emcee, S. Takhar, and CARP Cypress Vice President, O. Rodriguez, take a commemorative photo.

Connect and Build

The entire program lasted until 6pm. While the staff, cooks, ushers, and backstage members felt exhausted from preparing and hosting for two days, we all felt a sense of fulfillment that we were able to connect with so many people on a deeper level.



Ushers greeted attendees at the entrance with little gifts for each of them!

"I went in not quite knowing what to expect but I was overwhelmed, in a good way, with the sheer amount of joy and passion that each member of Revival Starts With Me brought to their worship of God. Be it through dance, sermons, or electric guitar, they showed that excellence is something that is not only a habit, but something that can be brought and shared through their continued efforts to strive for peace." – E. Chan, Graduate

In inviting our campus faculty and our community's church leaders, we were able to bridge a gap that had long since been separating our young people from faith and from our educators.



CARP Cypress takes a photo with Dr. Schilling, Maha Afra (CARP Chapter Advisor), and CARP LA President, J. Bishop Jr.

Moving forward, Cypress College wants to host us and Bishop Noel Jones on campus to share our message of peace and faith, a result of CARP Cypress's work of raising the students, loving the faculty, and serving the campus.



RSWM on April 7th was a call to action. It was an invitation to be part of something larger and build an ideal world together, starting with me.

We plan to continue connecting to our new friends and family to create and make new programs that continue to strive for bigger and better.



Revival Starts With Me!