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First Quarterly CARP Development Meeting Builds Consensus Across the Nation

by Sophia Kirkley

Forty young leaders from across the nation, representing 25 universities and 13 states, gathered January 2-6th at the UTS to kick off 2008. "Ownership", although not mentioned in the theme this time, was a major characteristic of this meeting, as partici-

pants joined six Action Committees for CARP Development nationwide. With the theme "Realize the Vision True Father originally had for CARP!" students avidly engaged in discussions and responded to presentations on what CARP was doing in the

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Student leaders from around the country gathered at UTS to discuss, develop and launch CARP into a mainstream movement across America

Reflection on trip to the Philippines GPF 2007

by Kenshu Aoki

The young people of the Philippines were screaming with excitement as Hyun Jin Nim walked around and challenged VIP's of the Philippines to stand up one at a time to say, "One Family Under God!" "True Love Power!" and "Living for the Greater Good!"

The crowd went ecstatic as Hyun Jin Nim held the microphone to the World Boxing Champion, Manny Pacquiao to shout, "One Family Under God, Aju!"



Hyun Jin Nim gives the keynote address at GPF Philippines

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Kenshu Aoki
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Dear Reader,

On behalf of CARP USA, I am pleased to welcome you to our first issue of The Compass – CARP USA’s quarterly newsletter.

As we usher in the New Year, 2008, CARP USA is moving full-speed ahead towards a whole new set of undertakings. At the launch of this Jubilee year, in early January, all CARP district and state representatives gathered for a National CARP Development Meeting in New York. The theme of this meeting was “Realizing the Vision True Father originally had for CARP”. We had presentations given by each district representative, many discussions and formed committees aimed at focusing on various areas, including a website team, outreach education team, financial team, public relations team, and Global Peace Festival team.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep each other informed of CARP activities that are happening all over the United States. Because we live in a geographically large country, it is always a challenge to see the big picture of our nation’s overall advancement in terms of God’s providence. I hope that this newsletter can be stimulating, informative and convey the true spirit of CARP; a movement of young leaders who sincerely want to bring joy to God and True Parents by realizing the dream of “One Family under God”.

God Bless You And Mansei for the Ssang Hab Jubilee years of the 7th and 8th years of Cheon Il Guk of Universal Peace Federation!

Reflection on trip to the Philippines GPF 2007

by Kenshu Aoki

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Sophia and I had the great privilege to experience the event in December. The purpose of our visit was to observe and learn the best practices at the GPF event in the Philippines. We also wanted to network with leaders of other organizations such as Youth Fed, UPF, World CARP (of other countries), etc.

We attended service projects, conferences, discussions, meetings, banquets, and of course, the main event. We made many friends out of the international delegates. But the most moving experience was the main event which took place outdoors near the Manila Hotel. It was full of great performances, contests, and speeches. After

Hyun Jin Nim’s keynote address, VIP’s and popular artists received the Ambassador for Peace award on stage from Hyun Jin Nim.

The media recorded a total of 250,000 people at the event. Hyun Jin Nim said the event was a “tremendous success” because it had a national impact. Not only did top artists, performers and athletes take part in the GPF event, but also prominent national figures such as President Gloria Arroyo, Speaker of the House Jose De Venecia Jr., and Mayor Alfredo Lim.

The Philippines GPF video can be viewed at www.wcarpusa.org/video.html



Gov. Leonida
"Baby" Ortiz



Hon. Speaker
Jose De Venecia Jr.



Dr. Martin
Luther King III



A call to "Represent!"

by Sophia Kirkley

Represent! Be you. Be exactly who you were meant to be. And what is that exactly? This is the question asked to a group of college age



second generation who attended a workshop January 6th-11th. The workshop with the theme "It's time to Represent!" was held

at the Unification Theological Seminary and had a total of 143 participants (current students as well as BCs from full-time national training programs) attended.

Activities included a Divine Principle study with a twist. After morning service by Rev. David Reed, students engaged in a full day of self study, capped by a serious 2 hour examination. One benefit was that it gave a chance to share the significance of the Divine Principle in each of our lives. Also, many students declared their commitment to studying more on their own after this workshop.

Kenshu Aoki gave a morning ser-



vice introducing CARP and the vision for this youth movement today. Around 30% of student participants signed up to become CARP members.

Perhaps the most poignant memory is the in depth sharing of True Parent's and True Family's life course. For two days, Rev. Hiroshi Higashino conveyed True Parents' heart through presentations and



anecdotes on their life. Students walked Father's Trail and Mother's Trail, also paying a visit to the Heung Jin Nim's car. Many were learning the depth of the life of True Parents and True Family for the very first time. And many were thirsty to hear more.

Yoshinobu Kanda, a young member shared the most important thing he had learned from True Parents was to "Think of God" in every moment. Kimikami Miyake shared how through his life he has tried to practice the very principles our True Parents talk about, especially of living for the sake of others. The last day was a full day focused on Blessing education, kicked off



by Rev. Grodner's morning service, where he stated in many ways the significance of the Blessing. Rev. Mito, President of W CARP USA, and Naokimi Ushiroda, USA Sunghwa Director, took turns dispelling

the myths of Adam and Eve, digging into the meaning of being a Blessed Child, elucidating what a God-centered husband-wife relationship really looks like and finally illuminating the Four Great Realms of Heart.

CARP representatives decided to hold more regular local workshops in order to help students throughout the year. The workshop was packed and the staff



learned many lessons and are coming up with ways to make many more incredible workshops in the future. Stay tuned for one in May.

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past and what we are up to today. A CARP alumni panel featured Rev. Esteban Galvan, Rev. Daryl Clarke, and Natasha Vilchitskaya. It was interesting to see how CARP progressed from a movement fighting



communism, to a movement embracing young people today, even in the former Soviet Union, with pure love and family education to raise them out of a fallen culture and into an ideal world. Pres. Mito summed it up, emphasizing the readiness of young people of faith to work with us today.

Fourteen district representatives and two state representatives



shared goals, progress and personal lessons learned from investing into their local areas: witnessing through campus activities and raising up a college student group. Together, we discussed how expanding the Collegiate Ambassadors for Peace network would directly con-



CARP Alumni Panel speak of CARP's history and of the different roles it took in God's Providence until the present day.

tribute to the Global Peace Festival and how the three initiatives of CARP contribute to One Family Under God being realized today.



Besides the CARP alumni panel, special guest speakers were Rev. Gavin who gave a lesson on public speaking as a spiritual leader, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover who testified about one of the longest-lasting CARP chapters in the US, and daily spiritual leadership guidance from Kenshu Aoki, W CARP USA VP of Leadership Development. Valuable tips were shared on maintaining a life of faith during college by Gelo Fleisher and Akiko Ikeno. Lessons on development for Jr. STF was presented for the first time to CARP leaders by Naokimi Ushiroda.

At this special meeting, the goals and vision of the Global Peace Festival were introduced, and many students became invigorated to

prepare. Perhaps most of all, they were equipped with proper tools, such as the precious spiritual checklist (morning prayer, evening prayer, HDH, core values, public mission, reporting to a central figure, weekly internal guidance) to thrive in their life. The Action Committees are currently making strides towards development in PR, Website, outreach and inreach



education, funding, and the GPF. A second CARP Development Meeting will be held in the summer (tentative dates are July 28-31st) with a major theme of the Global Peace Festival.

2007 Report on CARP National Tour

by Meinan Goto

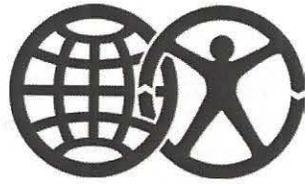
Recently, leaders from World CARP-USA and Seonghwa Department toured across the country meeting with local college students and college age young adults. Their goal was to present a unified vision to the college-age youth across the United States. In total, 11 places were visited. Trips to New Jersey, Minnesota, Ohio, Alabama and Arizona are also in the works. During the tour, Seonghwa Department director Naokimi Ushiroda focused primarily on creating a network of educators for middle and high school students. He also shared what he has been doing,

particularly with the development of Jr. STF. Meanwhile World CARP USA vice president Kenshu Aoki focused on meeting with the college-age youth. Altogether 165 people attended these meetings nationwide.

Kenshu Aoki noted that "It has been a worthwhile experience for me. I shared about HyunJin nim's heart towards why he invests so much in building leadership among us." He also added that "We need more true leaders who can really live for the greater good and take care of all the brothers and sisters." At the meeting, Aoki showed a video of HyunJin nim's speech in which he shared that the reason he focuses on building up leaders among the 2nd generation is that it is the only long-term solution to liberate and

raise up everybody. Also at the meeting, both Kenshu and Naokimi shared their hearts, particularly on why they chose to live a public life. Another positive outcome of the tour was that it directly influenced many students decision to attend the 2008 National CARP Development meeting, held this January. Kenshu also added that "had I had the time to fly to more locations, I'm sure more student leaders would have been able to attend the national meeting."





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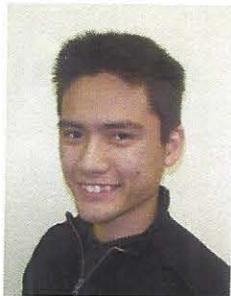
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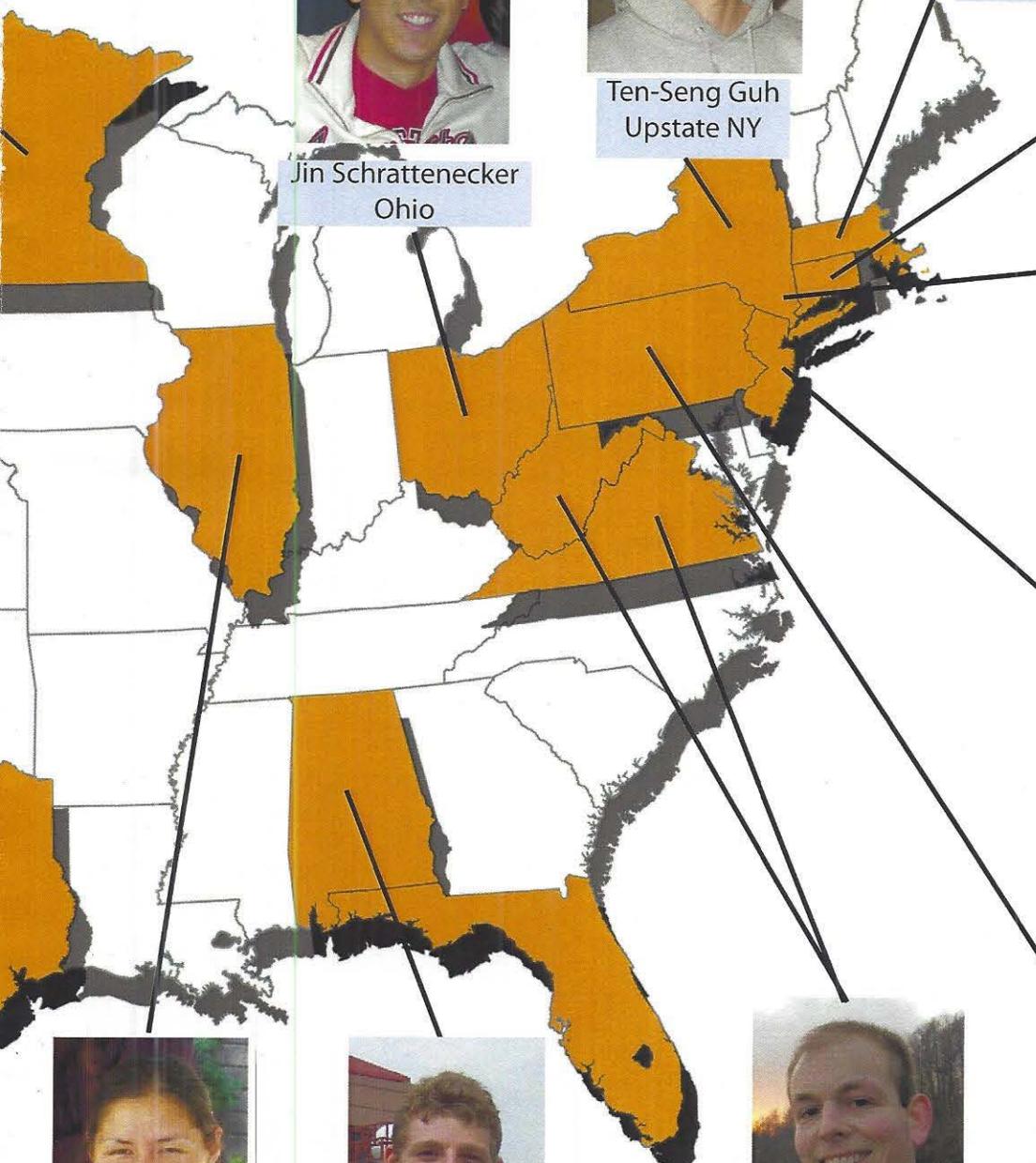


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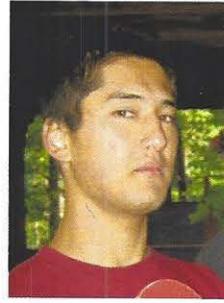
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Northwest

The Northwest district centralized in Seattle, the birthplace of Starbucks and Seattle's Best Coffee is a heavily caffeinated crew. Described as "very new and very young and with much potential," by the District's Representative, Rebecca Araki (University of Washington '11).

Without much experience the college age Blessed Children are taking initiative organizing the very first college age workshop in the beginning of the 2007 Fall semester. "We opened with questions that encouraged open discussion and the most honest answers poured out," Araki said.

"After which, we prayed for each other."

Another freshly ground idea is their DP (Divine Principle) testimony



Seattle CARP meet for Kenshu's and Naokimi's National tour

night where both first and second generation gathered to discuss the moments where they experienced DP content in their life. This effort encouraged inter-generational fellowship. Each person shared their

moments of breakthrough where they saw DP in action. With such initiatives, one can easily tell that the pro-active nature of this region is stronger than your average cup of Joe. T.C.

Southern California

The Los Angeles CARP members gathered far away from the Hollywood Walk of Fame on their Walk



About, a 3-day college age workshop located at Big Bear, California themed around the Australian Aboriginal rites of passage.

"Traditionally, a rite of passage marks a change in a person's life" Maria Anceney said. This ritual begins with a vision quest where the 24 participants connected to God through nature. They then re-

flected on the paths of their ancestors by creating timelines from life to death, capturing the essence of who they are, from where they come from and where they are going.

Lastly the participants participated in a sweat lodge, a ceremonial sauna "meant to clear toxins as a

process of rebirth and renewal" Anceney said. The unique free-form schedule and creative theme provided a different means to accomplish the same goals: internal guidance, identity education and a commitment to grow. Such ingenuity is surely Oscar-worthy. T.C.



LA CARP Represents

Alabama

Aimed at cleaning up the area's wetlands, the Coastal Cleanup is a large project involving hundreds of volunteers in the state of Alabama alone. Among these volunteers was a small contingent from the CARP chapter on the University of South Alabama.

"It was a good opportunity to work together with another group" said Coree Johnston, former President of the CARP chapter at South Alabama University.

Working alongside them were approx. 20 volunteers from the Wesleyan foundation. Johnston noted that the faculty sponsor from the Wesleyan foundation was particularly inspired and hope to be involved in future CARP activities. M.G.



Johnston also said that her fellow CARP members made a big impact. Particularly inspiring was a new member who came to the project early, and set the tempo with hours of tireless and dedicated work.



Connecticut

Connecticut, a place known for its wealth and the renowned University of Bridgeport wants you to now associate Connecticut with consistency. Nathan Breland (University of Bridgeport '10), a CARP member, participated in the daily closing meeting held in the CARP office. "Under the leadership of Hiroshi, (the District Representative) we shared our day with God and each other" Breland said.



Breland discusses with fellow CARP member during a breakout session

Some time was dedicated to testimonies of serious breakthrough as well as shorter stories about those that challenged their limitations on an everyday level. Also, Hiroshi gave a message of inspiration and guidance and they closed with a prayer.

"It was important to take time on a consistent basis" for reflection and education, Breland said. This consistent practice promotes the core value of taking ownership of one's spiritual life. This healthy habit is also something that money can't buy. T.C.



Bridgeport College Students spend the day visiting a Pumpkin Patch

Upstate NY

Not only is Ten-Seng Guh (Binghamton '06) the New York Upstate District Representative and the founder of Binghamton University CARP, which remains to be an influential organization on campus, but he is also employed full time. Guh is an embedded software engineer associate at the Lockheed Martin Corporation, a leading systems integrator and information technology company; as well as the largest provider of IT services, systems integration and training to the U.S. Government.

"I never desired these things," Guh said referring to his house and car,



Ten-Seng Guh being congratulated by his father after his college graduation



Spring Semester 2008 CRIBS Regional Service

There's something in the water of the upstate New York district, an area that calls itself CRIBS (Cornell, Rochester, Ithaca, Binghamton, and Syracuse).

which would be utilized for CARP activities. "But God granted me prosperity (Guh originally referred to it as "da money") ... He showed me that I am here to stay, that this is still my mission."

Guh works a 40-hour week and participates in as many Binghamton CARP events as possible. He also travels to attend annual CARP

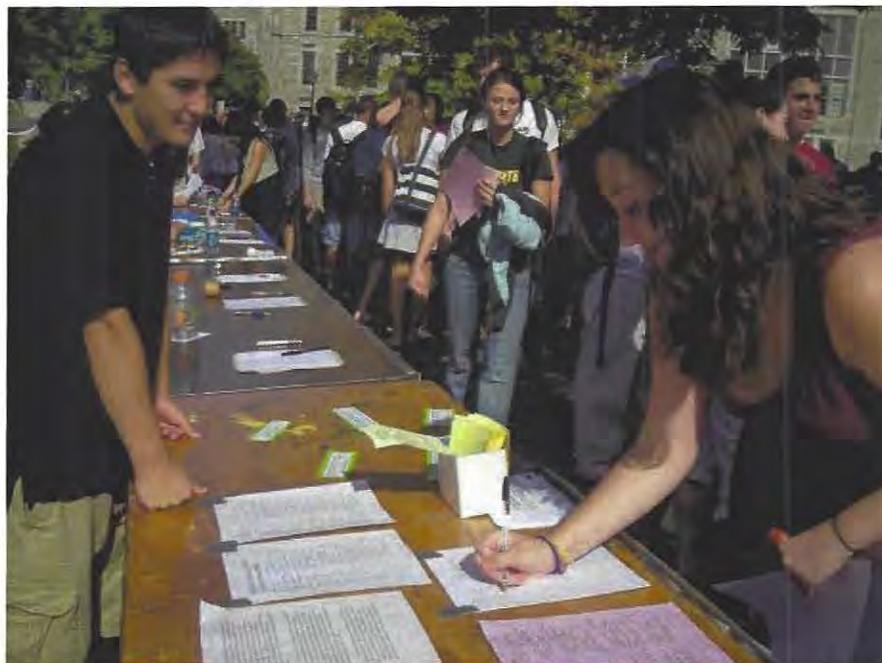
workshops and District Rep meetings. With a steady paycheck, Guh tithes regularly to a fund that will be used to support CARP initiatives. As there is not much of an example of a young professional in pursuit of their career while still remaining involved in CARP activities, Guh proves that "you can have your cake and eat it too." T.C.

Boston

Go Pats! (Congratulations to the New England Patriots Football Team that went 16-0 this season.) The quintessential college town known for great sports teams, a rich history and that unmistakable accent, has CARP affiliated clubs established on several college campuses.

According to Nathaniel Mull (Boston College '09) the region's District Representative, this successful community attributes each establishments' success to effective interaction between all organizations.

"All leaders – CARP, YAM (Young Adult Ministry), FFWPU (Family



Nate Mull oversees student signing up for CARP on Club Signup Day

Federation for World Peace Unification), AFP (Ambassadors for Peace), WFWPU (Women's Federation for World Peace and Unification) – are in constant communication through weekly meetings and phone calls," Mull said.

Events are all inclusive. Whether it be an Ambassador for Peace event or a Christmas Party, those in attendance are locals and non-locals; high schoolers and college age; guests and members; and first and second generation. "Such a practice promotes support from each membership for any and all events," Mull said. It also makes for a wicked good time. T.C.



College students from the Boston area enjoy the evening with Sushi Night

Metro NY

For everyone that doesn't know, when you refer to the City, Gotham, the Metropolitan you mean Manhattan: the city that never sleeps is actually a manmade island with a population of over 1.5 million people. That's 13 people per square

foot, which means that they are on top of each other.

This lack of personal space befit the first ever Youth Leaders Reception; a "packed event, in a small room" by Sophia Kirkley, the District Representative.

The reception was held as a pre-

cursor to Mother Moon's speech in the Manhattan Center, and included both Youth Ambassadors (YAP) and Collegiate Ambassadors for Peace (CAP). The success of the event was in part by the 50:50 guest to member ratio that provided education and a celebration of the Ambassadors' efforts through a video presentation, testimonies, and breakout sessions for future planning. Afterwards, they sat front row and were inspired by the content of the speech.

One YAP in particular, Jose Scerano, 15, from Mount Vernon, NY started his own radio show and not for profit to engage the youth in his area.

"I was not only amazed to hear the about the accomplishments but also that several of the YAPs who are still in high school brought several guests," James Gomis, the Youth Director in the NYC area, said. In this hustling and bustling city, it is truly the young people that are the movers and shakers. T.C.



Collegiate Ambassadors meeting at Westchester Community College (a part of the NY Metro area)

CARP COMMITTEES

This year was kicked off with the National CARP Development Meeting held at the Unification Theological Seminary. Everyone from CARP District Representatives, campus leaders, youth ministers and passionate people met

to reflect, reorganize and reboot the mission of CARP. One of the major results of this conference was the creation of six committees to support various CARP initiatives.

