## The third annual CARP winter 5-day workshop in Las Vegas

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The 3rd annual winter 5-day workshop was carefully planned by the CARP Core members and carried out in order to conclude the witnessing effort of this semester and bring all the guests to the next level. All together 23 participants gathered at a vacation house, which was turned into a great retreat center for the week.

Having received more training than ever, Core members took a lead in organizing and leading the workshop with a deep heart of love and ownership. New 1st generation CARP members or Staff-In-Training members also stepped up to care for 8 new guests and 2 returning guests who were attending the 5-day workshop for the first time.



We are grateful to Rev. Andrew Compton who responded to our call at the very last minute to give the lectures on the Principle of Creation, and to Rev. John Jackson, despite the delayed flight, who came all the way from Texas to share his heart and love through all other lectures including the life course of True Parents. Especially Rev. Jackson's personal testimonies of True Parents deeply impacted the hearts of both 1st and 2nd generation participants. A special thanks to Mrs. Sharon Pace who also flew in from North Carolina to cook for the entire group.

Evenings were filled with a variety of activities, from Christmas caroling, skits, mental breakthrough challenge and repentance & forgiveness exercise. On the last day, we visited the International Peace Education Center (IPEC) and were able to listen to testimonies from four elder members about their experience of meeting the church. Each of these activities had clear intentions to open the heart of the participants and help them receive the word and love of our Heavenly Parent.

All of the five 1st generation guests were inspired and committed to studying the Principle more and learning some healthy life of faith habits during this winter break. Another five 2nd generation guests also shared how renewed and empowered they felt by listening to the Principle and hearing the life of True Parents. It was also a growing experience for our Core and Staff-In-Training CARP members.