

FFWPU USA: CARP Chapters Tap New Members at Campus Fairs

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CARP chapters nationwide have kicked off the new school year by participating in campus club fairs to connect and network with more students. Establishing new membership and developing more chapters are [top goals](#) of national CARP leaders.



"[Club fairs] have been a great opportunity to present CARP to many new students and generate more exposure," said one CARP organizer in Northern California. CARP Chabot College in the Bay Area reported there was stronger interest and a greater turnout of students looking to learn more about the campus movement - which creates programs, events, and activities that promote the principles of faith, family values, and peace, as well as the growth and support of young leaders. "Since this has been the first semester where almost all classes were in person ... there were even more sign-ups than those from the pandemic combined," said the local CARP organizer.



Other chapters like CARP Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and New Jersey presented their club materials at multiple fairs across campuses in their area. CARP Chicago had several new members help distribute information about the chapter to other students on campus, while CARP Westminster in Utah shared a table at their campus fair with an interfaith club.



"[This is] a great way to get the semester going," said a CARP Chicago member. "At each meeting, we

get together and take part in icebreakers and make connections to prepare ourselves to hear topics based on the Divine Principle. We had amazing students come in and share their thoughts. There are also many elders who support [us], as well as our local community ... Meetings have been filled with lively discussions and laughter."

In Boston, the CARP chapter successfully held its first "Higher Purpose Talk" at the Boston Family Church in late September. Sixteen people attended the program, including five new participants. "The event began with fellowship, tasty pizza, and mochi ice cream," said Samuel, a local CARP member. "Participants also played a fun but challenging game of fishbowl charades to get to know one another."



The chapter's president delivered the main talk, which addressed ways to transform our lives into ones with a higher purpose through taking personal responsibility. "The program wrapped up with participants sharing their thoughts about the message and how it related to their own life," said Samuel. "Overall, the event was a success, and the core staff is very proud of holding this first event open to the general public." CARP Boston seeks to launch its first Divine Principle seminar, as well as a second Higher Purpose Talk in the coming weeks.

Nationally, CARP USA President Jinil Fleischman recently announced a "New Hope Workshop," scheduled for January 2023 in Las Vegas, where chapter leaders will further develop ways to help new members who have read the Divine Principle gain deeper conviction in True Parents, the co-founders of CARP.

You can learn more and connect with a CARP chapter near you [here](#).



National

CARP Momentum 2022: Chapters Double in One Year



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“CARP Momentum is all about building up momentum as we go into each new school year, and I think that is what we’re experiencing,” said Jinil Fleischman, CARP USA President. “At our [leaders] workshop, you could really see and feel the spirit of our bright young people discussing CARP’s vision. There was a great sense of connection ... with a really clear sense of unity where we are all united on True Parents’ vision as CARP America.”

From July 25 to 27, CARP USA held its annual workshop for all CARP leaders at the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) in Barrytown, New York. Some 90 college students participated in the program representing 24 states. “It was an amazing group,” said Fleischman during a recent FFWPU USA leaders’ meeting. “This was our largest CARP gathering since about 2016 ... These students are all witnessing on their campuses and leading their chapters, doing the work of our movement and True Parents on their campuses.”

From 2021 to 2022, CARP’s national presence doubled, said Fleischman – jumping from 11 to 22 states with CARP activity. Growth continued, he said, with an increase from 12 to 23 established chapters, and expanding from 31 to 47 campuses. “This doesn’t include five new potential chapters,” added Fleischman. “We have activity

that's now taking place on many more campuses and we have really grown in the past year."

CARP leaders have been diligently working toward the group's national goals, as they aim to have 30,000 members and 1,200 chapters nationwide by 2027. "We're not quite there yet," said Flesichman, "but even in just one year we have grown in pretty significant ways."



Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Regional President, FFWPU North America, and all FFWPU USA regional leaders were on hand at the workshop to share guidance and messages of inspiration with the group. "Dr. Yong gave a really passionate speech to our leaders and called on them to really be the ones to respond to True Mother and make sacrifices," said Flesichman. "He and his family have made a lot of sacrifices for True Parents, and so that was the spirit of his message to our CARP members – to be willing to make that kind of offering for God's Will."

CARP leaders also heard more about the mission of Cheon Shim Won from CheonBo staff, as well as a Q&A session and moving student testimonies. "One young lady is one of two Unificationists going to school at Princeton, and she shared about pioneering CARP there," said Fleischman. "Despite backlash from Christians on campus, she was able to successfully establish a chapter."

"I'm really inspired to see the growth and engagement of all our student leaders," said FFWPU USA President Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda. "It's very hopeful for our future."

For Fleischman and CARP's leaders, the new school year is already off to a powerful start. "I think this workshop was a really reviving experience for all of our students," he said. "I think it's giving them new life, and it's really preparing all of us to go forward."

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Southwest



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