

FFWPU USA: CARP, 56 years bringing Unification principles to college campuses

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"To bring the true teaching of self-sacrifice for the sake of the people to university campuses, we need to have young people who have borne the responsibility of conducting matters for village development," said True Father. "This is the purpose of establishing the National Collegiate Association of Principles (CARP)."

From rural parts of South Korea to major cities in the U.S. and around the world, [CARP](#) is celebrating 56 years of bringing Unification principles to college campuses everywhere. Established January 10, 1966 by True Parents, the founders' envisioned "student trinities that take charge of leadership guidance, daily life guidance, and education," in both their schooling environment and wider community.

"If college students who are sent out for one year to these locations take responsibility for providing secondary education, they will come to love their country," said True Father.

Today, CARP has more than 30 chapters at colleges and universities across the U.S. alone, including hundreds of members - a huge leap from its humble beginnings at the original Cheongpa-dong church headquarters in Korea.

"If you are going to move the world, you start by moving university campuses," said True Father. "The world's campuses create ideas that impact the media world and economic world. Therefore the one who moves the world's campuses can lead the world."

In the course of nearly six decades, CARP has held numerous on-campus talks and seminars, workshops, service projects, fundraisers, and other various activities benefiting diverse communities while sharing the spiritual and familial values central to Unification teaching. CARP has also partnered with other youth and student-led groups, nonprofits, and a wide range of organizations.

"I joined CARP in its 19th year when I was 20," said Janice Maddox, a Unificationist from Washington. "I'm so glad [we're] keeping it alive. Keep it up!"

In 2021, CARP USA saw expansion with three reestablished chapters in Seattle, Bridgeport, Conn., and Hawaii, as well as a new chapter in Denver.

"We had our first meeting as Colorado CARP in October," said Colorado Family Church Pastor Adonia Heinrich. "We made plans for the year, ways in which each person wanted to grow and serve... We're focused on uplifting Unificationist young adults through spiritual and career mentoring and familial community involvement."

The group tackled renovating a CARP house in Denver, while members in Hawaii hosted their first workshop retreat in November. "All the participants appreciated the content and received each lecture very well," said CARP Hawaii leader Rika Otsubo. "Two new CARP members attended for the first time as well as three local high schoolers."

During a [national retreat](#) last August, CARP President Jinil Fleishman said a primary focus of the U.S. chapter is further expansion, aiming to create 1,200 CARP chapters and establish 30,000 CARP members in North America over the next six years. Fleischman, a CARP Las Vegas alumnus, said he draws great hope and inspiration looking back on his own CARP journey and what's to come this new year.

"Through CARP, I have seen lives transform; I have built some of the greatest friendships I have ever known, and I have discovered the joy of striving to make the world a better place," he said. "I truly believe that CARP can and will be a powerful force of hope and revival for the entire United States and the world, and I am so proud to be a part of it."

You can learn more about CARP USA [here](#), and stay tuned for more updates.



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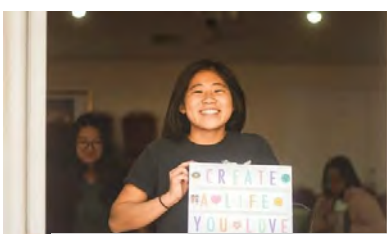
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Before I hope to master the universe, I must first master myself.

— Sun Myung Moon



A movement of students by students



Mia Taguchi

College of Southern Nevada,
NV

“As my time in CARP progressed, I started to understand more and more that if I truly want to make a difference in the world, it starts with not just the individual, but the impact an individual has on the family. The impact our actions have encompasses a whole circle of people.

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Samuel Tamura

University of Davis,
California, CA

“ I want everyone to see the Principle and the CARP culture and feel moved and inspired by it. I want to create a chapter that truly aims to bring a new perspective for all members and they can come out of CARP thinking that it made a positive change in their life. ”

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Josue Kisile

Grand Rapids Community
College, MI

“ Transferring your vision and passion to others is probably the hardest part of leadership, but it takes you on a very needed journey of patience and perseverance. I have grown so much as a leader through this journey.”

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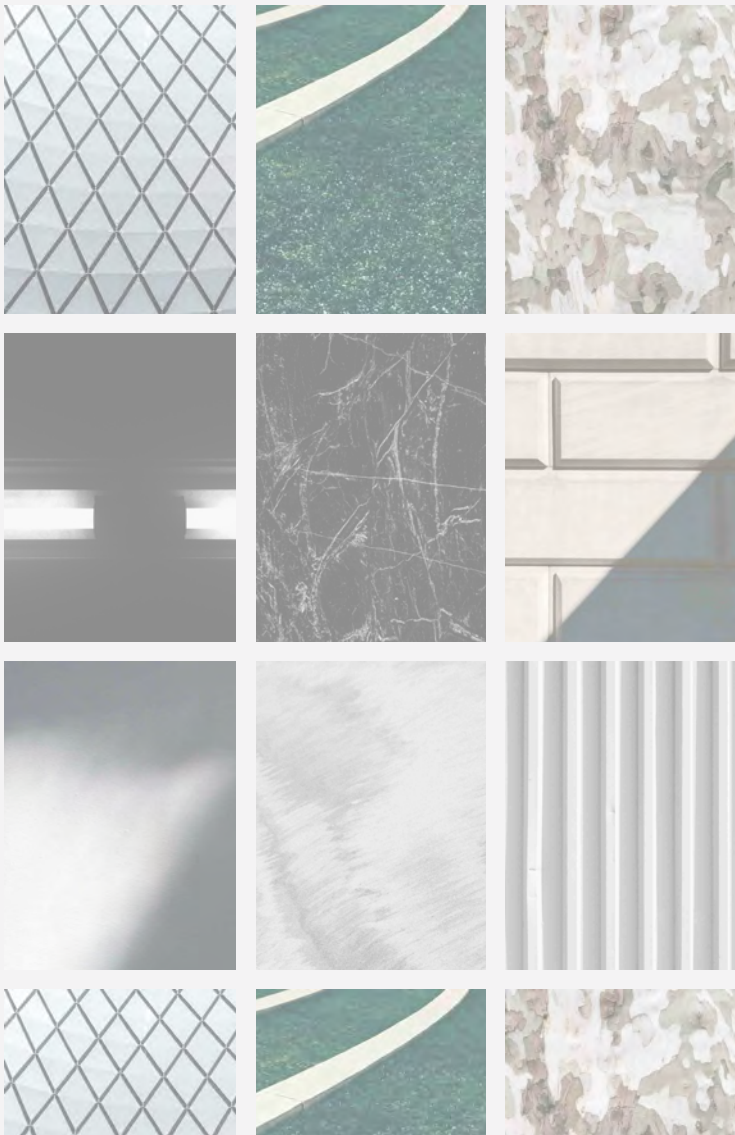
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“Young people have a strong spirit and passion, and I think CARP’s responsibility is to help them channel this,” said Mitsuyoshi Orikasa, a young Unificationist from the CARP DMV (DC-Maryland-Virginia) chapter. “Our leaders believe in the power of young people and the impact that they can make in society.”

Orikasa joined new and familiar faces for the annual Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles ([CARP](#)) retreat at Camp Tejas Trails in Blanco, Texas, where young leaders came together for the Momentum 2021 program. The workshop, from August 10 to 12, was the first in-person meeting for the group since the pandemic began last year and closely followed local Covid guidelines.

“I felt overwhelmed to see such bright faces of our young people,” said Dr. Chung Sik Yong, a featured speaker and the regional president of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) North America. “It was the most exciting moment to see all of these young people who made me feel so inspired.”

Dr. Yong stopped by the retreat during his [national tour](#) and shared some guidance while encouraging CARP leaders to establish a chapter in every state by summer 2022. Dr. Yong was among several FFWPU USA leaders to address CARP’s next steps and goals, as an ambitious vision plan through 2027 was outlined by national CARP President Jinil Fleischman.

Fleischman said the student-led campus organization aims to create 1,200 CARP chapters and establish 30,000 CARP members in North America over the next six years. The impressive plan is already underway, with the new chapter [Colorado CARP](#) launched in July for young adults, and re-launching chapters in Seattle, Hawaii, and Bridgeport, Conn.

“We’ve welcomed our first Colorado CARP pioneer, Linako Shimizu,” announced co-pastors Michael and Adonia Hentrich of Colorado Family Church in Denver. “We feel so excited about the potential of this chapter to nurture our young people, who are the future.”

CARP was established in 1966 by FFWPU co-founders Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Together they envisioned an organization for students by students that creates programs, events, and activities promoting principles for peace and growth while raising up young leaders. Today, CARP’s chapters nationwide and international presence have developed a range of educational programs and service

projects that foster unity among people.

The retreat’s 70 participants—representing chapters in 13 states across the US from New Jersey to California and Hawaii—discussed highlights from the past school year, resources and curriculum, as well as starting, running, and expanding campus chapters. CARP leaders also got better acquainted with one another through various group and one-on-one activities, and collaborated with partner organizations Youth and Students for Peace ([YSP](#)) USA and the Young Clergy Leadership Conference ([YCLC](#)).

“Going into this workshop, my intentions were to learn from other chapters and implement those strategies at CARP DMV,” said Orikasa. “This retreat helped me let go of any doubts I had and feel determined to invest more this year.”

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