

FFWPU USA: CARP Celebrates Its Fifty-Seventh Birthday

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January 10 marks the 57th anniversary of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles ([CARP](#)), which was established in 1966 by True Parents inside the main hall of the movement's headquarters in Cheongpa-dong, Seoul. CARP members from 26 universities in various countries participated in the inaugural event.

With three core principles - God, family and peace - True Parents held the vision for young people to be educated in serving the world before serving themselves, their families, and their nations. True Parents hoped that CARP would provide the environment and tools youth need to flourish internally and externally.

Over nearly six decades, CARP has ballooned into a powerful global presence. In the US alone, some 44 chapters on campuses nationwide continue to expand and grow, increasing 29.4 percent in the 2021-2022 academic year. CARP USA's annual report, which highlighted a range of activities and programs involving 220 CARP leaders and more than 250 CARP members, [showcased](#) how the national movement has aligned with True Mother's goal of engaging more young people to revive the faith of America.

"Education is necessary in order to save America and raise up second and third generations," said True Mother in April 2022. "So with confidence, we need to show that we have the power so that people can follow heaven's providence. One way or another, America must help the world providence by becoming a self-reliant America by increasing membership. It is our responsibility to educate and nurture the second generation so that they can contribute to the providence."

CARP USA aims to have 1,200 chapters nationwide and 30,000 members by 2027. A delegation of 120 student leaders will also head to Korea by summer 2023. CARP leaders said they anticipate a great year ahead.

You can view the full 2021-2022 CARP report [here](#).



A Revolution of Heart



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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



Samuel Tamura

University of Davis, California, CA



Josue Kisile

Grand Rapids Community College,
MI

"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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" 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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" 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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CARP Takes America By Storm



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CARP's 2021-2022 [annual report](#) is now available, and the results are impressive. Nationwide, CARP's campus presence increased by 29.4 percent in just a year – a great achievement aligned with True Mother's goal of engaging more young people to revive the faith of America.

"As we emerged from the pandemic this year, CARP is stronger than ever," said Jinil Fleischman, CARP national president, in the report's featured message. "Our student leadership has grown in number and in passion for CARP's mission. We are so grateful for the vision set forth for CARP by our founders, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. They believed that young people must live for God and for the sake of others in order to create a peaceful world."

New ideas and strategies have been implemented under Fleischman's leadership, including introducing CARP and

tapping [new membership](#) at campus fairs. With more chapters registered or in development on campuses – jumping from 34 to 44 – CARP’s values of faith, family, and peace are reaching more students than ever before.

“Education is necessary in order to save America and raise up second and third generations,” said True Mother during a trip to Las Vegas in April. “So with confidence, we need to show that we have the power so that people can follow heaven’s providence. One way or another, America must help the world providence by becoming a self-reliant America by increasing membership. It is our responsibility to educate and nurture the second generation so that they can contribute to the providence.”



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The CARP report breaks down national and local efforts to establish more chapters, expand and enhance education programs and activities, and how these methods have led to membership growth. CARP now has a presence in 22 states across the country, with half of its chapters on West Coast campuses. Chapters consist of two and four-year colleges that are public and private, as well as CARP “hubs” that involve multiple chapters in a designated location, such as the Bay Area and DMV (DC-Maryland-Virginia)

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The report also showcases student involvement in CARP nationwide, with some 220 CARP leaders and more than 250 members. CARP leaders said powerful retreats, chapter visits, and national training and team calls have all aided the immense progress. Each CARP chapter, which hosts retreats that vary from one day to three weeks, features a *Divine Principle* study component. Throughout the 2021-22 academic year, there were more than 25 retreats held across the nation.

“I learned to look for God in new ways,” said one retreat participant from CARP DMV. “I see how I need to improve myself first before creating a family and practicing a loving relationship. From the trip, I feel like I know how to actually practice what I learned.”



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Through conferences, social media, various campaigns, and more, CARP’s “campus impact events” have brought greater awareness to topics related to its core values. Programs and projects, like the launch of “The Tribe Talk” [podcast series](#) by CARP Las Vegas, have addressed common matters that students face, including self-worth and building healthy relationships. Community service projects have been

instrumental to CARP’s public outreach as well, bringing its principles and vision to life.

“I wanted to gain a stronger sense of identity as national CARP, and I think I got exactly that,” said a CARP member from the East Coast, who participated in the 2022 national [“Momentum”](#) retreat held in late July. “It’s exciting to think we’re all together investing and fighting for the same goals across the country.”

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