

FFWPU USA: CARP - Becoming Who I Was Meant To Be

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With the spring semester underway, CARP chapters nationwide have begun their regular club meetings often known as "CARP Talks." The club meetings are also being successfully promoted at campus fairs, introducing CARP and its core principles to a broader student audience. In academic environments saturated with different interest and advocacy groups, CARP stands out - improving the minds and lives of members and new guests alike.



For one CARP leader, initiating a new chapter on her college campus was an uphill battle that left her unsure at times. "Pioneering a chapter was not as simple as it seemed on paper," she said, sharing that she was "almost immediately met with backlash." Still, with persistence and determination, she eventually gained campus support to launch CARP.

Drawing inspiration from the unconditional love shown by CARP's co-founder, True Mother, the new chapter leader said she forged on feeling empowered and protected. "I began to realize how much God's love and grace had been working in my life," she said in a testimony. "I couldn't help but run with burning love and joy in pioneering a CARP family on my campus where God could feel that His heart could joyfully and peacefully reside."



National CARP leaders say club meetings and campus fairs have become a "great space" for new students to connect with their community and "gain insight that can help them lead a more meaningful life." CARP Talks typically include discussion points on topics such as faith, family, relationships, and individual purpose, as well as personal testimonies, and reading chapters from the Divine Principle. There are also a range of retreats, seminars, and other engaging programs and activities.



As the young CARP leader now anticipates graduating this year, she and other Unificationist youth have boldly paved the way for CARP USA's [increasing presence](#) - a 29.4 percent jump in chapter registration or chapter development during the 2021-2022 school year. These efforts are making a difference.

"Before I met [CARP], I was lost and had no sense of what love truly is; I grew up in a very abusive [and] toxic household," shared a new member in her testimony. "My parents got divorced when I was six years old and I have been receiving therapy since then."

The young student said, upon hearing the Divine Principle, "so many dots connected for me ... The Divine Principle gave me an outline of what love is and how it's formed, how true heavenly families are made, and helped me finally get closer to God."

Now a resident of a CARP house, she said she feels more encouraged about the future through "changing the trajectory of my lineage, by healing all the generational traumas passed onto me ... [and] breaking the chain of pain and mental health illnesses within my family."

"[CARP] impacted my whole view of life; it's like everyone handmade a pair of 'love glasses' and gave them to me," she said. "I am slowly becoming the person I've always wanted to be ... the loving, caregiving daughter of God I was always meant to be."

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National

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).

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.”

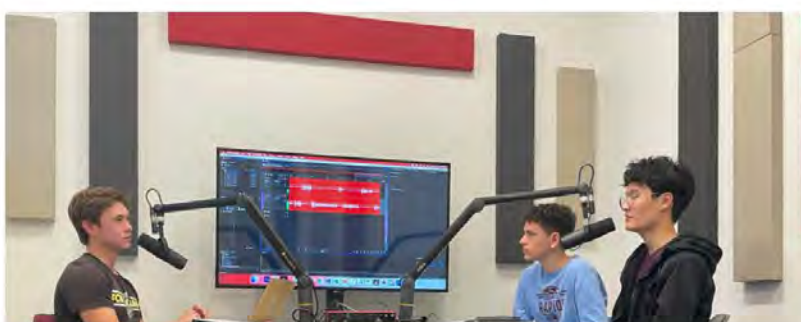




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Through conferences, social media, various campaigns, and more, CARP's "campus impact events" have brought greater awareness to topics related to its core values. Programs and projects, like the launch of "The Tribe Talk" [podcast series](#) by CARP 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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