

CARP Turning Point workshop at IPEC - Day 2

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The second day began with prayer. Team leaders met early before the morning service begun to start the day united and centered on God. As the first full day, you could see people become more comfortable with each other during the team discussions and meals. As they connected with the content which focused on the Principles of Creation, they related on a deeper level as their minds were stimulated and their hearts moved. We were grateful to have Gerry Servito (affectionately known by participants as 'Uncle Gerry') taught the first day of content. As a long-time Divine Principle educator and CARP alumnus, he related with the young people with such enthusiasm, sincerity, and even tears.

"All in all it's pretty good. I shared a lot, more than I shared with others before. I'm starting to understand love that way." – N. Hebbar, New Jersey

"I'm very comfortable with my team. Even though I'm usually not the type to talk unless talked to, I do my best to input into the discussions." – M. Shimobayashi, New Jersey

"I really love this workshop. I love the lectures and discussions. I love how passionate Uncle Gerry is about God. I can feel the amount of love Uncle Gerry has for God, and I can really see it through his lectures. It's so genuine." – H. Shigeta, California

Uncle Gerry shared with us about God's heart and His ideal for creation. Something that really hit the participants deeply was the fact that God loves them so much and made them completely unique. Uncle Gerry, through song, movie clips, and his own passionate heart, shared his love for God and the Divine Principle and conveyed that powerfully to each participant.

Participants also had an afternoon break to enjoy sports and fellowship with each other.

After the afternoon lecture sessions, participants were invited to watch one of two movies, *The War Room* or *Privileged Planet*, or listen to a prayer guidance by CARP LA's Parental Advisor, Naoko Hiraki. Whatever evening activity they participated in, participants were moved and concluded the day with personal reflection and prayer.