

CARP Los Angeles, USA organizes an American tour for CARP USA and YAYAM

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The Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) Los Angeles chapter organized an American Hyojeong Trip for CARP USA and Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) members from July 6 to 18. A total of 57 participants registered and will travel to Chicago and Washington, D.C. from July 11 to 16, where they will connect with local communities and engage in activities.

Through this trip, CARP aspires to welcome youth from different churches through activities, receive guidance from local leaders, assist in preparing for upcoming rallies throughout America, invest in the development of leaders and members of CARP USA and YAYAM through education and application of the Divine Principle, support national restoration through the revival of Christianity, and inherit from and build unity with the national Christian foundation through fellowship.

At the end of the trip on July 17, participants will return to LA and officially close the program on July 18 with a Hyo Jin Moon Band concert.



Kick-Off Workshop: July 6-10

The program began with a kick-off workshop in LA from July 6 to 10. Day 2 focused on connecting with and inheriting from Christianity through church mobilization and outreach. Participants departed early in the morning for an 8:00 a.m. Prayer Service at the City of Refuge Church in Los Angeles, where Bishop Noel Jones, Pastor of the City of Refuge Church, shared a powerful message declaring that the most important mission for Christianity is to build loving relationships. A few participants shared about their first experience at a Christian church and said they wanted to inherit the passion Christians have for God and Jesus.



After splitting into teams and visiting the 12 different churches that CARP LA has been investing in for the past year, they traveled to Big Bear Lake, beginning the educational portion of the experience. Content for leadership development skills was introduced based on [The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey](#) and [The 5 Levels of Leadership by John C. Maxwell](#), two books that have been studied previously to equip CARP leaders with the practical tools they need in developing themselves and their chapters.



D. Amperano, a new guest who was witnessed to last semester at Pasadena Community College, concluded the day with a representative prayer. He expressed gratitude in his prayer to "Mother Moon for

spreading this message of love and unification" and for the environment here that invests in raising future leaders.



The third day focused on Divine Principle education, specifically the Principles of Creation, the Human Fall, the Mission of the Messiah and the Mission of Christianity. Lectures were given by CARP and High School Association for the Research of Principles (HARP) students who invested wholeheartedly which allowed participants to gain new insights and dig deeper into the heart of the Divine Principle and True Parents' words.

The night concluded with Brothers and Sisters Night, a program created by John Lowen where the brothers and sisters meet separately in order to create a space where they can be vulnerable and share their hearts and better understand themselves and their struggles with their parents. Everyone shared their hearts, asked for advice, offered support and unconditional love, and encouraged each other to see the value in themselves and their relationship with God.



On Day 4, participants were revitalized and refreshed as they started the day with a morning hike to the

top of Big Bear Lake mountain, and read True Father's words for Hoon Dok Hae on the pioneering spirit and the importance of overcoming challenges and becoming owners of the environment.

Focusing on connecting with Christianity, three students introduced the Mission of Messiah and Jesus' Course. This was essential for participants to dig deeper into their understanding of Jesus' situation as well as their present relationship with the Messiah.



After returning to the LA Family Church, Elder Edwin Perry from the City of Refuge Church spoke to the participants about the pride they should feel as they share their faith and the profound significance of their mission. The ceremony closed with a call from Bishop Jones who prayed for the blessings and success of the Hyojeong Trip participants.

