

French-CARP Kick-off Workshop

Chamarande training center, 7. – 9. September 2013



We have successfully finished the French CARP Kick-off Workshop that was held during between the 7th and the 9th of September, 2013 in Chamarande. This workshop was the occasion for CARP members to meet and to determine themselves to make this a good CARP year. We thank Heavenly Parent and True Parents for their presence, their help and their blessings.

Around 40 people attended this workshop, including parents of the 2nd generation, children of the 3rd generation and a few parents of the 1st generation. Here are the main activities of the week-end:

- Guidance from David Perry on the history of CARP
- CARP Vision from the CARP Committee
- CARP departments' reports on the past year
- Concept sharing
- Welcoming new CARP members
- Reflections on CARP activities for this year
- Sermon given by Patrick Martin Prevel (on his life and his work as CEO of Christian Bernard)
- Reflections on the Week-end itself and conclusion

The CARP Vision for this year is « Let's stay together » because we're living in a troubled time in our movement as well as in society. For this reason, it is essential to stay united centering on God, True Parents and the Principle. Thanks to the reflections of the workshop, we decided to reinforce the CARP structure and organize activities that are more centered on this motto:

-Witnessing Department, centering on the work done in "Espace Culture et Paix"

- Help the Paroles Donnée organization
- Participate in witnessing runs
- Prepare the coming of Japanese sisters

-Internal Department, created to guide CARP members in their internal life

- Create a Service Team for CARP services
- Organize internal evenings every 2 months

-Communication Department, created to communicate on the past or upcoming CARP events

- Send a weekly information e-mail to all CARP members
- Continue the French CARP newspaper, the "CARP TIMES"



Arts Department, created to develop our talents

- Form a choir in the Music department
- Create the Dance department
- Create the Design department

- **Finances Department**, created in order to achieve our ambitions

- Build a financial strategy
- Open a CARP account
- Plan fundraising days

- **Leisure Department**, created to live unforgettable times all together

- Continue to celebrate New Year's Eve
- Continue to celebrate the National Day of the Young Unificationists (JNJU)

- **To create the Network Department**, in order to help the communication between the Carpies

- Create a table with studies and skills of each CARP ember
- Provide advice and help on schools, internships, employment to young CARP members with the help of older CARP members

- **To create the Blessing Couples Department**, centering on the needs of the blessed couples

- To receive good guidance concerning the blessed couple life
- To organize the service for the 3rd generation

Overall, the participants appreciated the workshop. However, it lacked organization, time for the discussions in small groups and sports. Also, only a few members came from the provinces but all these points have already been taken into consideration for the next Kick-off workshop.

We are currently searching volunteers who can assume responsibilities for each activity. Thus, we hope to substantialize all these projects and make the French CARP shine

Best regards,
CARP committee

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