

CARP Leaders Join Mother Moon's Heavenly Top Gun Special Workshop In Korea

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On February 19-22, Mother Moon, who is the co-founder of CARP, hosted a special training in Korea for young people with a passion to serve the world. The workshop was titled "Heavenly Top Gun," drawing on the term popularized by Tom' Cruise's Top Gun movies about the elite cadre of US Navy fighter pilots. Its purpose was to foster a deep heart of calling and service to the world, and to train youth who wish to encourage personal development and social harmony through sharing the Unification Principle teachings. Several CARP student leaders from America were able to attend, and there were several hundred participants in total from around the world. Many of them committed to offering the next 1-2 years in devotion as a missionary , whether in their own hometown or somewhere else in the world. Several recent graduates of a special "Universal Peace Academy" program at Sun Moon University (founded by Father and Mother Moon and located in Asan, South Korea) will come to America and support CARP activities in many chapters.

Held in the paradisaical Chung Pyung Training Center in the mountains of Gapyeong Province in South Korea, participants had time for prayer and reflection, as well as lectures and testimonies from elders - many who were CARP alumni - who had devoted themselves as overseas missionaries for decades. On the final day - , Mother Moon addressed everyone. She encouraged them to go out to the world and create an environment of love and peace - a little taste of heaven on earth - wherever they go, so that people can

experience the love of God, our Heavenly Parent.

We are so grateful that CARP students from America were able to attend! We are excited to welcome the Sun Moon University graduates who will come to America, and share the love of God to college students in America!

Here are some testimonies from CARP students who attended the Heavenly Top Gun workshop:

Mother Moon asked everyone gathered if we would go out to the world to spread God's love and substantialize the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. We all responded with a loud, "yes!" She smiled gently, thanked us, and said that she has waited so long to hear our beautiful voices. She blessed us with her unconditional support. Feeling the grace and love of Mother Moon, I felt a revival and surge of strength in my heart. No matter what I may do or wherever I may go, I know that she, as a Mother, will always support and uplift me, and in turn, I can do the same for her and those around me. I am truly grateful to Mother Moon and the precious opportunity of going to Korea.
- T. Nakaza, Indiana CARP

This workshop was an incredible gathering and our schedule was packed from 6:30am-1:30am. It wasn't the lectures, the program, or activities we had that was meaningful for me, but the spirit I experienced meeting other young people with a missionary spirit. Meeting Mother Moon was an unforgettable memory for me. On behalf of America, I was selected to represent all the participants in declaring a resolution to her alongside two other participants from South America and Japan. The feeling I had when I made eye contact with her as a slight smile drew on her face was a feeling of trust. I held back my tears because I couldn't help but feel so sorry and grateful towards her. There is no one else in this world who has the love she has for God and Heaven's dream, and I felt sorry that she had to walk such a lonely path until now.
- S. Nakama, CARP DMV

At first, I wasn't sure if I would be able to join the workshop, but I was able to go in order to meet the missionaries who were coming to America. Throughout the workshop, I felt Mother Moon's motherly heart raising us to practice true love. She had fit in a time for us to watch a movie together and eat some delicious Korean snacks! I felt encouraged by Mother Moon's words to all of us to go and spread this love I received wherever I went, regardless of whether I was going overseas or not.
- A. Takami, CARP Chicago

I really enjoyed meeting all the other participants there, especially my team. The atmosphere felt very welcoming and exciting. Most of my team didn't speak English well but it was really fun trying to communicate with the little Japanese I knew and Google Translate. I had so much fun playing yutnori [a traditional Korean game]. At first I was kind of hesitant and I was just watching and then I decided to just go for it. It was so simple but it was just really fun to shout all together and support our team. It was so fun because everyone was so into it and no one cared about how they looked. Another one of my highlights was meeting all the missionaries - Sun Moon University graduates - who are coming to the US. We had discussions about our experience in the workshop and our hope for the next 1 or 2 years that they will be in America. Even though most of us didn't know each other, everyone seemed so close and it felt really natural. All the conversations I had felt really sincere and straight from the heart.
- J. a'Beckett, Bay Area CARP