

End of the Year CARP Workshop

Chamarande, France, 30. December – 1. January 2017



The end of year CARP WS was the opportunity for CARP members to gather and celebrate the new year together. The motto of the WS was: “Reveal your inner beauty”. It was chosen in accordance with this period of festive atmosphere. Indeed, the tradition wants us to get externally prepared for the end of the year by dressing beautifully, decorating the house, buying presents, etc. ... We usually spend a lot of money and tend to become materialistic. The goal of the workshop was to remind us not focusing too much on external matters, but rather make this time of reflection on the year that just ended and on the upcoming year. Is the real beauty expressed by the nice clothes we wear or the richness of our hearts?

The WS took place at Chamarande and we were around 50 second generation

members to attend the WS. Four among them were visiting from STF.

On the December 30th, we started by a brief presentation of the motto and had a short ice-breaking game to introduce ourselves as there were new people from STF who visited the French community for the first time. We also honored True Parents country by playing “Yut” which is the tradition in Korea. There was a strong fighting spirit to win the game. The WS members showed their determination and hope with their incredible shouts.

On the December 31st, we started the day with a hoondokhae time on the theme of the True Person. Then we had a conference from our CARP leader, Franz-Pol LADOUCE, who talked about our perception of beauty, which is different for each one of us. Franz-Pol also asked us to discuss on the

question: “We have always been taught about the truth and the goodness. What about beauty?”. The WS attendees were really inspired by the theme of beauty. We could notice that all of us second generation members have a really strong sense of feeling beauty, either in nature, in music or art, or in other people.

The afternoon was dedicated to short activities. First there was a dancing activity. Takayuki WADA created a small dancing choreography for the WS and taught it to us. Then there were cooking, games, decoration and self-preparation activities to prepare for the New Year’s Eve party. We decorated the WS house as if it was a grand gala. With the cooking activity, we prepared the buffet for New Year’s Eve dinner.

Finally, the New Year’s Eve Gala started at 8 pm with the buffet. More people joined and we were nearly 60 people. It was a great joyful time to celebrate the new year as brothers and sisters. There was music for those that wanted to dance and games.

On January 1st, we woke up and started the day with hoondokhae time. After that we cleaned the house and prepared the room for the first Sunday Service of the year. The WS ended at noon, after the Sunday Service.

This WS was a success thanks to all the participants that created a really brotherly atmosphere. Everyone took part at all the activities with joy and good humor. We could gather and celebrate the end of the year with a vertical relationship with God and True Parents and we are ready to start a new year with great determination! AJU!



Cooking activity



Decoration activity



Our hard work !