## **CARP Midwest USA Hosts Their Winter Workshop Online**

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Midwest CARP hosted their winter workshop the first week of January. The workshop was originally intended to be held in person in Michigan, but as a result of the nation's coronavirus situation, the setting changed to a virtual platform. Despite this last minute change, members stated that they had a great time at the event and enjoyed meeting other CARP students from around the Midwest.

From January 3-5, sixteen participants came together from CARP chapters in Chicago, Indiana, and Minnesota. The participants were able to join in for insightful presentations by presenters Dr. Robert Kittel and Rev. Hebangja Kisile, CARP alumni. CARP members expressed that the talks brought them hope and inspiration. One participant shared that hearing about CARP's vision provided clarity on the personal steps that could be taken for the upcoming semester.



Following each presentation, the CARP members were able to engage in discussion about the content. During this time, many were able to share their insights and takeaways. There were also testimonies shared by M. Beia, D. To, and K. Konan. Each individual shared about their experiences in CARP and in leadership roles beyond CARP.



The second day was filled with in-person activities. The participants from the Chicago CARP chapter met up for lunch and went ice-skating.

Later in the afternoon, the members came back together virtually for the next session. K. Moyongo, one of CARP Minneapolis's leaders, led the group for praise and worship. In that session, each person was given time for reflection on the past year. In the evenings, participants were invited to connect more with the CARP members from the Midwest region by playing games together.



On the last day, we ended with goal setting. The CARP members reflected on the past year and shared their goals with their group. Several of the participants stated that this activity was the highlight of the workshop, expressing that "it was nice to hear everybody's determinations for the year."

The students were able to conclude with high spirits and strong determination. We look forward to welcoming the next workshop with new achievements and friendships!