

FFWPU USA: New CARP Chapter Established in Minnesota

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"The seeds to establish a CARP chapter at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, were planted at the beginning of the fall 2021 semester," says Kai Moyongo, president of the new chapter. "We started doing a prayer walk around the campus with our local pastor and members of our community. Then we designated a prayer spot at the center of the campus, as many of us walked seven laps around the location to lay the foundation for our chapter."

Kai and her dedicated team [launched](#) the nation's newest CARP chapter in early March. "Our chapter Vice President, Karen, parental advisor, Denise, and core members Riki and May were important to our success," says Kai.

The group first began coming together in late February with weekly online Divine Principle study sessions. "As we continued the sessions, it grew with the core members inviting classmates and friends," says Kai. "Soon, we had five new participants joining our discussions."

Kai says the group started off with getting to know one another and sharing about their faith, beliefs, and perspectives. Then they began integrating presentation videos of the Divine Principle, as well as content from CARP Las Vegas's [Tribe Talk](#) program. "This content really stimulated authentic and meaningful discussions," says Kai.



In mid April, the chapter's support coordinator, Chungbom Katayama, shared guidance with the group

and joined the team's outreach efforts on campus. For Kai, cultivating a sense of family and culture of support among the group has been key.



"My brother Manny was also able to join us and participate in guidance sessions," she says. "Through our outreach, we all met at least one person who expressed interest in learning about CARP or the Divine Principle. Our contacts have now joined our weekly study sessions."

Earlier this year, a new CARP chapter was [founded](#) at Harper College in Schaumburg, Ill. Expanding to more campuses across the U.S. is [a primary goal](#) of national CARP leaders, who aim to create 1,200 CARP chapters and establish 30,000 CARP members in North America over the next six years. Currently, CARP has more than 30 chapters at colleges and universities in the U.S. alone, with hundreds of members from a wide range of backgrounds.



The Minnesota chapter similarly has big hopes and goals for their future as well. "We plan to take it one step at a time," says Kai, "but right now our plan is to focus on one-on-one Divine Principle study sessions moving forward."

Kai says the team feels immense gratitude toward the community, especially their elders. "Chungbom's visit made a huge difference," says Kai. "And we're thankful for our pastor, Rev. Ha, for his steadfastness, faith, and support. Our community's willingness to support our chapter in various ways means a lot."

You can learn more about CARP USA [here](#).

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AUTHENTIC DISCUSSION ABOUT THE THINGS THAT MATTER — TOGETHER

The name “Tribe Talk” comes from the idea of love and family. To us, a family is a group of people who love each other, and a tribe is a group of families. Thus, Tribe Talk is a community of loving individuals determined to grow. Tribe Talk is more than a weekly event where students from the College of Southern Nevada and the University of Nevada Las Vegas gather to talk. It’s a space where inspired youth come together and discuss deeply human questions, such as the origin of human value, the nature of love, and how we can overcome difficulties in relationships. Ultimately, it’s a family of youth aspiring to better the world by bettering ourselves.

Currently, Tribe Talk is an online, weekly event, attracting CARP students and friends from out-of-states! From March 2021, we have been collaborating with CARP Bay Area and we are co-hosting our Tribe Talk and Ignite (CARP Bay Area’s signature event) on Thursday evenings, alternatively.

Please go to our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the event updates and registration.



New Chapter: CARP University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

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Contributed by Kai Moyongo

The most recently established CARP chapter in the United States goes to CARP University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus! The chapter was established on March 2nd, 2022, and is led by president Kai Moyongo, vice-president Karen Yuda, parental advisor Denise To, and the rest of the core members Riki Menning and May Komuro.

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The team first started coming together in late February with a weekly online [Divine Principle](#) study session. As they continued with their sessions, it grew with the core members inviting their classmates and friends. So far, they had



International Trips

five new participants join in their discussions. They started off with getting to know one another, sharing their faith, beliefs, and perspectives. Afterwards, they started to incorporate Divine Principle presentation videos and CARP Las Vegas' [Tribe Talk](#) content to stimulate authentic and meaningful discussions.

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In mid-April, Chapter Support Coordinator [Chungbom Katayama](#) paid a visit to support the chapter by giving guidance and outreaching with them on campus. For all of them, it was their first time. Kai's brother, Manny Moyongo was available and was able to join them and attended Chungbom's guidance. Each of them were able to meet at least one person who expressed interest in learning about their

student organization or about the Divine Principle. Through this experience, up to three of their contacts have joined their weekly study sessions. During their last night with Chungbom, they were treated to an appreciation dinner.



Representatives of CARP Minnesota with Chapter Support Coordinator Chungbom Katayama.

The team has many hopes and desires for the future of their chapter. They plan to take it one step at a time. Their plan is to focus on their one-on-one Divine Principle study sessions moving forward. They wanted to offer their gratitude to Chungbom as his visit made a huge difference. They are also grateful for their local pastor, Rev. Ha for his steadfastness, faith, and support. And lastly, they express their gratitude for many members of their local Family Fed community for their willingness to support their chapter in various ways.





Congratulations to Kai, Karen, Riki, May, and Denise for the establishment of CARP University of Minnesota! All the best to the chapter and its future!

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New CARP Chapter Founded in Chicago Community



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“We wanted to create something not just for our new friends, but for our brothers and sisters in our community,” says Zaiya, a young Unificationist from Chicago who spearheaded a new CARP chapter at her alma mater.

After more than four years, efforts to establish a [CARP](#) chapter at Harper Community College in Schaumburg, Ill. finally paid off with its launch during the spring 2022 semester. Zaiya, now an alumnus of Harper, led a group of community members determined to bring CARP to the school’s campus.

“CARP Harper was officially established in early February,” says chapter president Shinya, a current student. “We hope to provide service work opportunities and host *Divine Principle* retreats this semester.”

It’s a long-awaited victory for Zaiya, who received unwavering [support](#) from the community, including Harper students and alumni, Chicago Pastor Kunihiro Sagisaka and his wife, and a dedicated core team. Inspired by her time on [STF Europe](#), Zaiya joined a few existing CARP chapters in Los Angeles and Las Vegas before deciding to

create a local one.

“There were plenty of people in the community who attended Harper College, and we felt it was the perfect campus for CARP,” she says. Over time, Zaiya and another alumna found more people who wanted to develop a chapter. There were young people and parental figures alike from the Chicago community, as well as new students they met on the campus. “I couldn’t have done it without them,” says Zaiya, looking back on the group’s journey.

The pandemic put a halt to the application process for student organizations on Harper’s campus in 2020. Still, despite the challenge, the group consistently hosted online events and invited more people from the community to take on leadership roles. By fall 2021, the school reopened for in-person classes, and the search took off for a faculty member to become the CARP advisor.

“After taking time to pray about it, we were inspired to reach out to people from the department for international students, as CARP was attracting many international students,” says Rosia, a CARP supporter. The group soon connected with the school’s coordinator for international student services.

“She agreed to be the faculty advisor after discovering that there were no interfaith, non-denominational groups on campus,” says Rosia. “Her only requirement was that she wanted to be involved in the club, and she has come to almost every CARP Talk so far.”

For Zaiya, she is thankful for the personal commitment of the many people who bring this vision to life. “This is what CARP stands for,” she says. “With its emphasis on relationships and faith, [CARP addresses] things that don’t usually get taught in class.”

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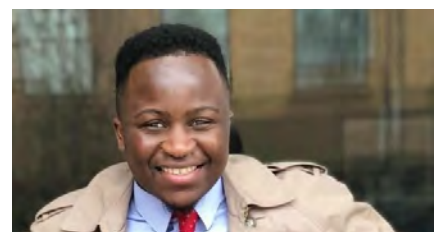
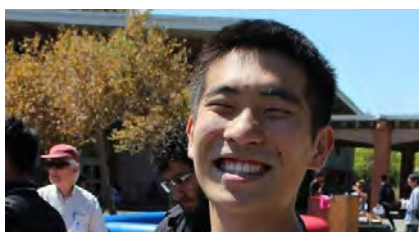
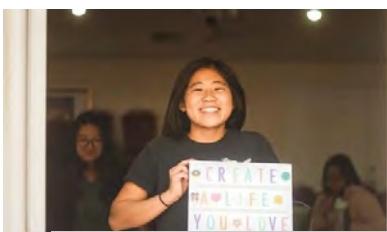
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Before I hope to master the universe, I must first master myself.

— Sun Myung Moon



A movement of students by students



Mia Taguchi

College of Southern Nevada,
NV

“As my time in CARP progressed, I started to understand more and more that if I truly want to make a difference in the world, it starts with not just the individual, but the impact an individual has on the family. The impact our actions have encompasses a whole circle of people.

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Samuel Tamura

University of Davis,
California, CA

“ I want everyone to see the Principle and the CARP culture and feel moved and inspired by it. I want to create a chapter that truly aims to bring a new perspective for all members and they can come out of CARP thinking that it made a positive change in their life. ”

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Josue Kisile

Grand Rapids Community
College, MI

“ Transferring your vision and passion to others is probably the hardest part of leadership, but it takes you on a very needed journey of patience and perseverance. I have grown so much as a leader through this journey.”

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