

FFWPU USA: CARP NJ Workshop On The Core Content Of The Divine Principle

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Some 46 young Unificationists and guests recently enjoyed an inspiring weekend retreat in the Northeast. The CARP New Jersey chapter held a workshop at the Clifton Family Church on May 20, which focused on the core content of the [Divine Principle](#).

"For some of the participants, this was their first time hearing the content," said the chapter's Director, Shogo, who was among four [CARP](#) leaders who gave presentations. "The participants were able to understand the depiction of God in the Divine Principle and learn more about it."

The [retreat](#), which also included 17 members of [GPA](#), aimed to foster a culture of love and gratitude, with several small group activities that enabled bonding and one-on-one interaction. There were various games, including rock-paper-scissors, which allowed participants to step out of their comfort zone. Leaders also facilitated discussions and helped create an atmosphere where everyone felt heard and supported.



One participant, a freshman from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), shared he was touched by CARP and its practice of service and care for others. A testimony from the CARP president of the Princeton chapter inspired participants to build more relationships and expand the CARP network as well.

"Through the education, discussions, meaningful activities and delicious meals, we had a beautiful and unforgettable retreat experience felt by everyone," said Shogo. "Our GPA participants also contributed greatly to this."



He said CARP New Jersey looks forward to deepening relationships among members by engaging them with more Divine Principle study sessions. The chapters at Montclair State University and NJIT have already shown great promise.

CARP was launched in 1966 by True Parents to raise and engage young leaders in thoughtful and meaningful discussion through its varied programs, events, and activities designed to cultivate deep, long-lasting relationships for growth and peace.

Nationally, CARP leaders aim to extend the organization's presence to 1,200 campuses with 30,000 members by 2027. Currently found on more than 30 campuses nationwide, CARP saw 11 leaders [graduate](#) across the country in the Class of 2022. Leaders said Divine Principle retreats continue to be a staple in building CARP's membership and nurturing individual and team relationships.

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PREFACE

The text which you hold in your hands contains the Divine Principle, the teaching of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. The earliest manuscript of the Divine Principle was lost in North Korea during the Korean War. Upon arriving as a refugee in Pusan, Reverend Moon wrote and dictated a manuscript called Wollli Wonbon (Original Text of the Divine Principle). He then guided Hyo Won Eu, the first president of the Unification Church of Korea, to prepare more systematic presentations of his teaching with biblical, historical and scientific illustrations. Reverend Moon gave President Eu special instruction regarding the content of these texts and then checked them over meticulously. These efforts resulted in Wollli Hesul (Explanation of the Divine Principle) published in 1957 and Wollli Kangron (Exposition of the Divine Principle) published in 1966. For the past thirty years, Wollli Kangron has been the text of Reverend Moon's basic teaching.

Exposition of the Divine Principle is the new authorized English translation of Wollli Kangron. The first English translation, The Divine Principle, was made in 1973 by Dr. Won Pok Choi. Dr. Choi labored with considerable erudition to select the proper terminology and convey the complex thought of this text. Aware of its sacred nature,

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she made a point of producing a literal translation. Through this work, she laid the foundation for the teaching of the Divine Principle in the Western world. In recognition of Dr. Choi's pioneering work, when Reverend Moon commissioned this new translation he requested that the translators seek out her advice. She gave constructive guidance and played an active role in improving the translation. In a real sense, her hands have guided this project.

For this version, the translators have sought, above all, to accurately render the meaning of the Korean text into clear English. The style of the Korean text, in keeping with the most erudite efforts of that generation, employs long and complicated sentences with numerous embedded clauses expressing complex relationships. It is simply not possible to express every nuance in the compact, linear structure of modern English. Whereas modern English wants to pin down every thought in an unequivocal proposition, the Korean of that time often renders thought loosely and dynamically, utilizing metaphor and context to convey meaning. Wherever a literal translation would not adequately express the thought and argumentation of the text, we have rearranged the order of thought in a manner more suitable to the Western mind. At times we used creative phraseology rather than dictionary definitions to evoke comparable understandings, feelings and cultural associations.

Furthermore, the Divine Principle employs some technical terminology and gives distinctive meanings to certain common words. Wherever possible, for this translation, we drew from common English vocabulary rather than invent new theological terms. Hence, ordinary words may be invested with distinctive meanings, for example: "indemnity," "condition" and "foundation." Proper understanding requires attention to their particular usage in the text.

The time and cultural context of this book was another issue for the translators. It was written in the 1960s, when communism was still a worldwide menace and Christianity was still confident of its cultural superiority and continuing expansion. Although these and other conditions of the time may have changed in the intervening

decades, we have preserved the original perspective of the text.

God's providence continues to advance precisely as explained in the Divine Principle.

In one sense, this new version seeks to accomplish more than a conventional translation. In the 1960s, when Korea was still recovering from the ravages of the Korean War, there was a paucity of historical and scientific texts available for study. This hindered President Eu in his efforts to accurately frame the scientific and historical examples which he employed to illustrate the operation of the Divine Principle in nature and in history. As authorized by Reverend Moon, and with Dr. Choi's guidance, the translators drew upon the knowledge of scholars in various fields and made minimal, necessary changes in certain scientific, historical and biblical illustrations. Nevertheless, throughout the translation, we adhered strictly to Reverend Moon's wishes that the integrity and purity of the text be maintained. Finally, the new translation has been carefully and extensively reviewed by church elders Rev. Young Whi Kim and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak and has received their blessing.

In the deluxe color coded edition, the colors are based upon the 39th Korean edition of Wollli Kangron with colors prepared by Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu. The main ideas are shaded red, topics of second rank are shaded blue, and topics of third rank are shaded yellow. The reader can grasp the main thread of the teaching of the Divine Principle in a short time by reading only the red text. Reading the red and blue text together provides a richer framework; reading all three colors together gives a rather full exposition including many examples. To get the fullest meaning, the text must be studied in its entirety. Yet even when reading the full text, attention to the passages in red can help to clarify the thread of the argument.

Exposition of the Divine Principle expresses a truth which is universal. It inherits and builds upon the core truths which God revealed through the Jewish and Christian scriptures and encompasses the profound wisdom of the Orient. Through this translation, we hope the deep message of the Divine Principle may be better understood in the Western world

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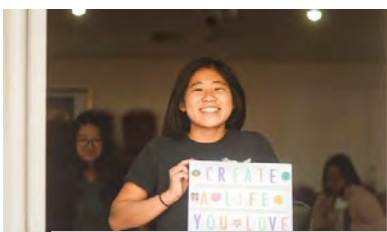
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Before I hope to master the universe, I must first master myself.

— Sun Myung Moon



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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
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“ 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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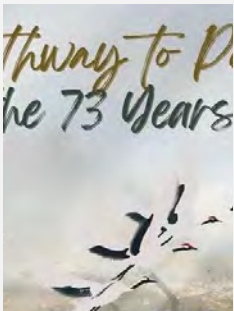
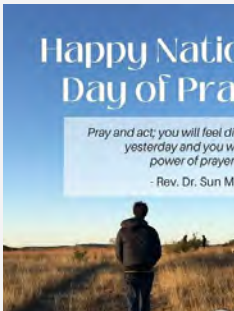
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On May 20th to the 21st, CARP New Jersey held a weekend retreat focusing on the core contents of the [Divine Principle](#) with a total of 46 participants. Seventeen of them were joined by CARP's sister organization called [Generation Peace Academy](#). The program started off with an intense game of rock-paper-scissors that allowed everyone the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone.





Afterwards, the emcee Sasha Okon introduced CARP to kick off the workshop and CARP New Jersey Director Shogo Nakaza gave opening remarks. Participants were placed into smaller family groups where a leader facilitated discussions and helped to create an atmosphere where they could feel heard and cared for. Four CARP leaders shared the Divine Principle content: Samuel Tamelessio who gave his first-ever Divine Principle presentation, Yujin Angolio, Keisetsu Nakamura, and Shogo Nakaza. For some of the participants, this was their first time to hear the content; they were able to understand the Divine Principle's depiction of God through the presenters.



During the closure of the retreat, Arick Iglesias, a 1st year student from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, reaffirmed his love toward CARP and testified to its culture of gratitude. President of CARP Princeton Yujin Angolio shared about the experience of one first-time participant she invited named Brian Mmari, who expressed eagerness to continue building a relationship with CARP.



Through the education, discussions, meaningful activities, and delicious meals, a beautiful and unforgettable retreat experience could be felt by all participants. Generation Peace Academy participants contributed greatly to the experience. CARP New Jersey is looking forward to continue deepening a relationship with all the participants by engaging with them in Divine Principle study sessions.



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North East

- Sasha Okon: Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology, President of CARP Montclair University (New Jersey)
- Shawna Lewis: Music Therapy, Vice-President of CARP Montclair University (New Jersey)
- Yasuhiro Ozawa: Bachelor's of Science in Information Technology, President of CARP New Jersey Institute of Technology (New Jersey)

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- Karen Yuda: Bachelor's of Arts in Computer Science, Vice-President of CARP University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (Minnesota)
- May Komuro: Bachelor's of Business in Marketing Education, CARP University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Core Member (Minnesota)
- Mune Nakamura: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, CARP Chicago Alumni (Chicago)

South West

- Kwasi Boakye: Master of Industrial Design (MID), CARP Las Vegas Alumni (Arizona)
- Rie Fukuzaki: Bachelor's of Science in Industrial Design, Minor in Sustainability, and certificate in Biomimicry; President of CARP Arizona State University (Arizona)

West

- Junta Naito: Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies, Minor in Journalism, CARP Berkeley President (Bay Area, California)
- Kengo Kawa: Bachelor of Science for Chemical Engineering, Regional Leader and President of CARP California State University, Long Beach (Los Angeles, California)
- Sooyoung Kawasaki: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Vice-President of CARP California State University, Long Beach (Los Angeles, California)

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