

CARP USA Newsletter: Peace Starts With Me - With True Mother in Las Vegas

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"Peace Starts With Me" hits Home

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." - Leo Tolstoy



On June 21st to June 23rd, CARP members joined together with 300 young people for the **Peace Starts With Me Youth** workshop in Las Vegas. They had the opportunity to perform at the **Peace Starts With Me Unity Festival** where CARP's founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon (also known as the Mother of Peace) was the keynote speaker.

After focusing on their studies over the semester, it was a great chance to reflect, meet old and new friends, develop peacemaking skills, and discover their power as youth. It was an inspiring weekend for all who participated.



"It was great to see people of all faiths and backgrounds gathering together to want to create a more peaceful and united world centering on God, our Heavenly Parent." - Gabriela Von Euw, CARP Bay Area, Junior



As part of the weekend, CARP USA co-hosted the **Sunhak Scholarship Foundation Luncheon** with Professor Yeon Ah Moon in Las Vegas. It was a great chance to engage students committed to public service (a requirement of the Sunhak Scholarship) with the foundation president, who spoke on Mother Moon's hope for youth.



"The guidance [Professor Yeon Ah Moon] gave was exactly what I needed! Through what she shared, I felt I could more deeply understand Mother Moon's heart and desire for these

Peace Starts With Me events.

*A question was asked about what Mother's desire is for the youth and a point Professor Moon made in her answer was that Mother wants us to **have conviction in who we are as young members of this movement. She wants us to believe in God's providence and contribute in every way we can.*** - M. Schlaepfer, CARP Bay Area, Sophomore



On Friday, June 21st, the [CARP Las Vegas](#) hosted the *Summer Soulstice Concert* with guest bands and speakers from different faiths and backgrounds. Leaning into the theme of Peace Starts With Me, the CARP Las Vegas Band created an environment where everyone could experience Mother Moon's vision of a global family under Heavenly Parent.

[Read more about the weekend festivities here.](#)

CARP members find a place to contribute wherever they go, modelling a culture of heart, even when they leave school.

We want to honor all students, and especially the college graduates, who used their time in college as a chance to grow into well-rounded global citizens. We're so proud of you and look forward to the impact you'll make in your community!

Graduating Class of 2019:

1. T. Mashiko (NJIT)
2. C. Konan (Davenport University)
3. A. Moraes (UNLV)
4. H. Muranaka (CSULB)
5. R. De Sena (UB)
6. S. Nakama (University of Hawaii, Manoa)

If you are a recent college graduate, and you are not listed above, please let us know! We would love to honor you with a small gift.

Announcements



Any college student interested in starting a CARP chapter on their campus is invited to attend CARP Momentum 2019. Join either in **New York on August 4th to 7th** or in **LA from August 9th to 11th**.

[Register here.](#)



4.0 Club

Calling all college students: CARP is celebrating your academic achievements! If you've earned a 4.0 this semester (or got really close), let us know, and you could win cash prizes!

Sign up here: carplife.org/4club

Thank you for supporting CARP!

Feel free to reach out anytime. Have a wonderful Fourth of July celebration, and don't forget to make a difference where you are. Peace starts with me, after all. :)

With gratitude, Teresa Rischl, *National CARP President*

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“창조주 하늘부모님을 닮은
참사랑을 실천하는 천일국의 참주인이 되자!”

Let us become true owners of Cheon Il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!

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Peace Starts with the National Youth Retreat



From June 21 to June 23, over 300 young people, including members of Generation Peace Academy (GPA) and the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP), gathered at the International Peace Education Center (IPEC) in Las Vegas, Nevada for the [Peace Starts With Me Youth: My Hyojeong Promise](#) weekend retreat.

Hosted by the Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) department of Family Federation for a Heavenly USA, the weekend was designed to support and connect young people to the [Peace Starts With Me Unity Festival](#) held at the MGM Grand on June 22 featuring Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, also known as True Mother. The youth weekend also launched the [Hyojeong Promise](#), a pledge intending to create a generation of individuals who are spiritually fulfilled, have happy families, and improve the world.

The weekend kicked off on Friday, June 21, with a special welcome from Sun Jin Moon, President of Family Federation International. She shared that the greatest challenge in her relationship with God was accepting the position of President, which allowed her to support True Mother directly.

“Originally in my life, never had we had an opportunity to serve True Parents in this way. We were growing up and living in an era where it was only passed down to sons,” she said. “What helped me find God the most was this mission. Being called by our True Parents saying, ‘I need you to step up and stand beside me. I need you to bring peace to this world.’ That’s why each and every one of you are here, too.”

Sun Jin Moon closed by sharing how even in this world full of conflict, she sees a world of peace coming into reality through the participants who gathered. She said, “Please use this time to reach out to your brothers and sisters, your parents, your teachers, whoever it is to find joy, healing, and forgiveness.” Participants felt Sun Jin Moon’s deep heart and were moved by her vulnerability and sincerity toward God and True Parents.

Tasnah Bercy, National Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, launched the Hyojeong Promise. She also led two activities to help participants share and receive God’s love. “God is an essential part of our lives, but the relationship is a work in progress. It can fluctuate,” said Mrs. Bercy. “When it’s easy, it’s easier to let God in. In the moments of our inadequacy, it can be hard to feel God’s love.” Learn more about the Hyojeong Promise [here](#).

Friday concluded with a special Summer Soulstice Concert prepared by the CARP Las Vegas Band and the YAYAM team. Young people from different cultures and religions gathered to honor God and unite as one family. Powerful musical performances by Gifted Youth with Purpose, an interdenominational gospel group, the CARP Las Vegas Band and the Los Angeles Band engaged the audience and brought up the energy. Between songs, a Catholic, a Muslim, a Unificationist, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints each spoke about the importance of uniting under God.

On Saturday morning, Naokimi Ushiroda, National Director of Youth and Students Ministry, led a guided reflection with the audience about their future spouse. Mr. Ushiroda emphasized that God wants everyone to be happy. Kaeleigh Moffit, National Youth Ministry Coordinator, shared her testimony about her marriage. She emphasized how the habits that we have, good or bad, are carried with us into marriage. “It’s important to address those and learn how to overcome them to become the healthiest version of myself to have a fulfilling marriage,” said Mrs. Moffit.

After the morning session, all 300 plus participants were bussed to the MGM Grand to join the Unity Festival. During the event, they performed “Mujogeon (Unconditionally)”. The youth thoroughly enjoyed the music, the festivities, and especially True Mother’s speech. When True Mother took to the stage, the participants sat in front of the stage, showing their support and soaking in every word she spoke. True Mother called to every person in the room to stand up and bring America back to God. The youth joined in cheers of determination and agreement.

On the last day, Sunday, participants joined the [Victory Celebration](#) with True Mother and Family Federation USA at IPEC. During the event, the youth workshop presented True Mother with a gift; a map of the United States covered in sticky notes from the states where participants came from and the names of three people they will be sharing this experience with.

The entire experience was jam-packed with love and opportunities to commit to a life with God. Because of the dedication of the YAYAM team, each participant was able to walk away with a sense of purpose and a new commitment to a happier, God-centered life.

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“Despite all that she encountered in the past, Sun Jin Nim maintains a filial heart toward her parents and leads a life dedicated to Heavenly Parent and True Parents’ vision. It really helped me better comprehend two major points: the extent of the suffering our parent, God, must endure as He is unable to directly reach out to His children, and how the heart of a true filial child will have faith that endures even the harshest of challenges for the sake of our Heavenly Parent.” – Sammy Tamura, 19, Bay Area, CA

“I’m sincerely grateful to have the chance to attend the Peace Starts With Me rally alongside other second-generation Unificationists across the country. Being present in front of True Mother with all of our brothers and sisters made the event incredibly special. It’s hard to see the bigger picture of all of our efforts when you have a small community at home, but being able to attend such an event with brothers and sisters from communities of varying sizes across the country helped me realize and respect the power we hold when we rally together. I hope to attend many more youth events in the future and to stay close with the friends that I made despite the distances.” – Hanna Nkulu, 16, Arizona

“Although this workshop was rather short and didn’t have the more intimate workshop feel that I tend to enjoy, I’m glad I was a part of the whole experience. This weekend made me realize how far our church has come. True Parents are no longer exclusively self-proclaimed, as they have others who are testifying on their behalf. It’s so moving and reassuring to see other people of different faiths reacting so positively to True Mother’s message.” – Mai Thurston, 25, San Diego, CA

“This weekend has given me hope in myself and reaffirmed my commitment of reviving God’s family. In the end, God knew what I wanted to accomplish, and so He revived me by letting me sit close to my Mother and at least letting me hear what she needs. What she needs is help, and I want to be able to do that. I mean, God has led me to this moment, and I’m grateful for it. Now, what can I do that God and True Parents can be

grateful for? They asked me to help, and how can I turn them down after they took the time to see me?" – Rosana Miller, 21, Maryland

“Only towards the end of my GPA year did I realize [how much my parents were investing into me], and when I did, I felt so sorry for my parents for neglecting all the love that they were trying to pour into me. When I finally went to apologize to them, they responded with an apology towards me. They worked so hard and had every right to say anything, but the one thing they said to me was an apology. That they couldn't be a better parent for me and my siblings. I was shocked. But that experience was a new starting point in that relationship. And now it's so powerful, and I do feel that I experience God through my parents the most.” – Anonymous, 20, Seattle

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Welcome to Momentum 2019!

CARP USA HQ is happy to announce the Momentum retreat for summer of 2019! We know how hard every student leader has been working this year and are excited to offer this summer's training to prepare for the upcoming semester.

The purpose for this upcoming Momentum is to help CARP student leaders be successful in the new school year. We will be covering the new CARP Curriculum and leadership tools for the new semester.

This year, in order to decrease travel costs and to provide more training opportunities to busy students, we are hosting Momentum in two locations. Students can attend in either:

1. UTS in **Barrytown, New York** (30 Seminary Dr., Barrytown , NY 12507) from **August 4th to 7th.**
2. LA Family Church in **Los Angeles, California** (2301 Findlay Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754) from **August 9th to 11th.**

Registration closes on Sunday, July 21st.

Contact jinil@carplife.org for more info. See you there!

REGISTER HERE!



Register for Momentum 2019!

*****Scholarships are available** for travel and registration! Please click on the button below for more information. If you are concerned about the costs, let us know, and we will see what we can work out.

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Travel scholarships are available, especially for the East Coast Momentum!

Chapters from Subregions 1, 2, and 3 are encouraged to attend the East Coast MTM.

Chapters from Subregion 5 are encouraged to attend the West Coast MTM.

Chapters from Subregion 4 can choose between the two.

East Coast (August 4-7) - \$50

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What do you hope to gain from Momentum 2019? *

What knowledge or skills would help you to be most successful in CARP this semester?

- Spiritual Leadership Training
- Organizational Leadership Training
- Goal-setting and Strategy
- Understanding CARP's Vision and Mission
- Witnessing Training
- How to Utilize the CARP Curriculum
- Building Partnerships on Campus
- Working with a Local Church Community
- Other

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