

The 2016 Summer CARP Korea Five-Day Divine Principle Workshop

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The 2016 Summer CARP Five-Day Workshop began on Wednesday, June 27. The five-day workshop is the first part of our Forty-Day Short Term Witnessing Program. Two hundred and twenty-five second-generation Unificationists, not all of whom are CARP members, came together with twenty-three staff members in the multipurpose auditorium in Sun Moon Universities' Student Hall. Mr. Kwon-Il Yang, the Sun Moon University CARP center leader, led the opening ceremony and orientation. This led into a series of lectures by Mr. Hyeong-hui Cho, CARP leader of the Chungcheong region (composed of two South Korean provinces) group discussions and prayer.



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Mr. Sang-pil Moon, president of CARP-Korea, spoke to the eager young members who had agreed to attend the workshop. He said, "True Parents spoke and put their words -- that they would give all the blessing and good fortune they have to the children of the church -- into action. True Mother at True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony promised that we would see Heaven's will achieved in her lifetime. Thus, we must become CARP members that go forward to achieve God's will." Continuing, President Moon reemphasized the core of CARP members' mission by saying, "I sincerely hope that during this five-day workshop we can gain the determination to make Heavenly Parent's word and will our own in our lives and for our futures."

Study and play

On Thursday morning, the participants were able to become one with our Heavenly Parent while experiencing the reading of the word under the bright sky, in the clear air. Divine Principle lectures filled that beautiful day.

During the lecture on the Human Fall, participants learned about the standard for the blessing that our Heavenly Parent holds us to and what mind-set we should have toward that standard.

That afternoon, the participants enjoyed a sports festival, encouraging them to unite within their groups. The participants relished the opportunity to run and exercise, the hot weather being no match for their energetic passion.

In the evening, leader of the Sun Moon University regional CARP center, Jong-hoon Lim, gave a special lecture on faith entitled "Principle! Action! Unification! Let's Be Victorious through the Challenge of True Love!" Mr. Lim focused on what faith is and what our attitude should be toward it. Participants finished the day with a reflection and prayer service.

True Parents' teachings

The Hoon Dok Hae excerpt that the young people heard on Friday had the title, "The Marks Left in History through the Providence of Restoration." Lectures on the second half of the Divine Principle filled the morning.

Following lunch, attendees met in groups for discussions and then continued with Divine Principle lectures. Later that day, Mr. Cho held a question and answer session covering any questions that had accumulated in the attendees minds from the many lectures they had heard.

On Friday evening, Hyung-gyu Jung, regional CARP leader of South Gyeongsang Province, delivered a lecture about the blessing. The lecture focused on the value of the blessing that True Parents have given us. Dr. Jung stated that the blessing is an important part of a life of faith and that practicing absolute sex (absolute purity before marriage, absolute fidelity in marriage) is crucial. The third day ended with the young people reflecting on their experiences and writing in journals.



One group of the more than two hundred members at the CARP summer workshop pose with CARP-Korea President Moon.

Using news outlets

On Saturday morning, Jun-young Cha, president of the Segye Times, gave a lecture, "Global Media and I." He said that we should be conscious of how digital communication, which now permeates society, effects our lives and reflect on how we can spread knowledge of God's will and of the Divine Principle to the world through the media. As we come into an age of personal media (social media), we should become CARP members that can touch many people's hearts as we spread God's word.

Before and after lunch, Un-seong Yang, the leader of CARP in Seoul, gave lectures covering the fifth chapter of Divine Principle, Resurrection. Afterward, President Moon explained True Parents' life courses. Participants learned about the foundations made before either of the True Parents were born up through the whole of their lives. It was a time of deep reflection as the students pondered how they should use their time as young adults and what standards they should uphold.



Where are you headed?

In the evening, members shared their dreams and life goals with other participants at a "CARP Café." They also shared the resolutions they had made after listening to the Divine Principle lectures. It was a time in which potential future leaders of the Unification movement spoke out and cheered one another on. The day ended in prayer.

After breakfast on Sunday, participants had time to reflect and fill out a survey, after which Mr. Kwon-il Yang, the Sun Moon CARP center leader, led them through the ceremonial end of the workshop at which the cultural team performed and the participants received certificates of completion. As the organizers had hoped, some participants, such as Dong Jin Yoon, will go on to a forty-day workshop.

Mr. Yoon said about the forty-day workshop, "Later, I want to show you how much I have grown." Among other participants that spoke, Mun-suk Park said, "After hearing the lecture on True Parents' life courses, I realized that we cannot let their efforts go to waste.... I will spread knowledge of their achievements." Hong-ju Moon said, "I am remorseful about how I am spending my youth after hearing all that True Father did at my age. Through this workshop, I now want to go out and lead my wandering friends to the right path. I want us all to work together to achieve our Heavenly Parents' dream."

President Moon said, "Let us take what we have learned of the Divine Principle during these five days and put it into practice as we each return to our homes. I hope that those of you who continue on to the

longer workshop will finish the forty days well.



Do not forget that we are all one as children of our Heavenly Parent and continue to live a life of devotion. Remember that when you, as one part of the whole, stands upright, the rest will follow. Connected to True Parents' hearts, let us be young people that bring success to the unification movement."

The five-day workshop was a success. As people who have learned from this experience, let us keep True Parents' standard in the forefront of our consciousness and represent our Heavenly Parent in the way we live.



During a CARP Café the young adults shared their aspirations and hopes.