

CARP USA at Peace Starts With Me event at the City of Refuge in Los Angeles

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This past month, CARP USA teamed up with [Peace Starts With Me](#) for the April 6th Peace Starts With Me event at the [City of Refuge](#) in Los Angeles. CARP students and leaders came from around the country to join and support. In total, 20 CARP chapters were represented.

Peace Starts With Me's philosophy to make real change by starting with the individual aligns with CARP's vision to raise students to become global leaders to impact the world.



CARP LA members went to churches on Sundays and during the week to visit pastors and youth groups

Even as students, the Peace Starts With Me model acknowledges that students are holistic beings who not only go to a campus, but have families, communities, nations that they are a part of and that they can impact even as students.

To prepare for this event, CARP LA spent weeks visiting various churches, ones that came to previous events and new contacts. They also performed at the [Long Beach Unity Festival](#) (LBUF) the week before and invited the praise dancers from the festival to the event.



Club meetings were a perfect opportunity to invite friends. CARP Pasadena City College's meeting was visited by leaders from other chapters.

On campus, they invited their chapters, professors, and friends. In total, CARP LA brought nearly 100 people to the event. Out of state chapters also brought friends and members in full support.



Mother Moon shared her message of peace with a crowd of 10,000.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of CARP, came as the keynote speaker for the event and specifically invited 500 young people to come to the event. CARP partnered with [Youth and Young Adult Ministry \(YAYAM\)](#) of [Family Federation for a Heavenly USA](#) to bring in youth to see Mother Moon.



Mother Moon presented Bishop Jones with a gift



People of all religious backgrounds came for Mother Moon

Mother Moon was invited by [Bishop Noel Jones](#), pastor at City of Refuge and a friend of CARP since the previous [Revival Starts With Me](#) events. (You can read about [the second](#) and [the third event](#) here.) Because she was coming, Bishop Jones invited members of the community and multiple churches and organizations. Multiple political dignitaries attended as well as the Los Angeles Police Department.



CARP and YAYAM had a special opportunity to perform Mujogeon (Unconditionally), a dance of devotion to God and peace, at the event. Spilling off the stage and into the aisles, the energy blanketed the audience with an amazing spirit.



Jason McGee leads the 500 Voice Choir



A. Curtis Farrow leads the choir for his song

Also performing was the 500 Voice Choir led by City of Refuge's music director, Jason McGee. Emmy Award winning [A. Curtis Farrow](#) led the choir for Total Praise.



Bishop Jones gave a short message welcoming everyone to the City of Refuge

Bishop Noel Jones gave an introductory speech before inviting up Mother Moon. CARP and YAYAM was invited to sit right in front of the podium during her speech. Many of the youth who had come a long way to see her were overwhelmed with gratitude.



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We cannot sit idly by and watch. This world, which our Creator, God, created for us from the outset, is suffering and dying due to our ignorance. As God's true children, we cannot just sit by and observe this situation. Would you agree? [Yes.]...

We must find solutions to these problems before it is too late. This means that self-centeredness, and nations that place their national interests first, will ultimately not survive."



CARP and YAYAM sat right at the steps of the stage.

[Read her full speech here.](#)

Her message touched the core of what the problem was and what was needed to make a difference.



"I was inspired by her clear message regarding the problems of the world as a symptom of our personal condition. When I saw her up close, I could see the pain in her heart as she spoke about the world's problems. I also felt a motherly love emanating from her as she looked into the crowds of thousands." - Harumi, CARP Cal State Long Beach

"It really touched me to hear from Mother Moon that she really appreciates us CARP members and can feel that she does not have to worry about us." - Ikusei, CARP El Camino College



Bishop Hezekiah Walker gave a powerful closer

After her inspiring message, multiple Emmy Award winning [Bishop Hezekiah Walker](#) gave the final performance with three songs, joined by the LBUF praise dancers. CARP and YAYAM followed along in the front, closing the event in powerful energy and hope.



After an amazing event with Mother Moon in the City of Refuge, we held a special devotion service with the 500 youth. In what was the overflow space, the team moved all the chairs for praise concert with special guests City of Refuge Music Minister Patrick Bolton, City of Refuge Youth Minister Brandon Towns, the LA Family Church Band, and the Las Vegas CARP Band.



Patrick Bolton leads the crowd in song

After a brief introduction by YAYAM representative Kaeleigh Moffitt, Patrick Bolton kicked off the night with the song *We Are Blessed*. Patrick's style of call and response engaged everyone in the room with claps and shouts.



Brandon shares his heart with the audience

Following Patrick, Brandon gave a talk about devotion to God and how being connected to God can enable us to live our best lives and the be the peacemakers Mother Moon asked us to be.



"It's one thing to be able to receive God's peace; it's another thing to go out into the troubled world and make peace. Through Christ, you are a peacemaker, that means whenever there is stress in your life, be it school, be it your household, be it the communities, through Christ, you can make these situations peaceful."



The two bands joined for a powerful performance

The LA Band took the stage after Brandon with songs to highlight how God is a powerful and moving presence in our lives. They were also joined by the LV CARP Band after the unison prayer.



G. Marchitelli, CARP leader from Maryland, gave the next message about devotion to humanity. He pointed out that we are one family under God supporting and loving each other in life. The joint band returned with We Are Family.

After that, LV CARP Band Director, M. Fuller, gave a testimony about sexual integrity, that although he felt like he was unlovable, because of God's love, he has hope that he can prepare for a future family and make a commitment to his future spouse. The band complimented his message with I Won't Give Up On Us.



All participants raised their hands and made the pledge together

Finally, CARP LA Leaders, J. Holmes and J. Bishop, led the crowd in a pledge of devotion where everyone devoted to:

A living, thriving, personal relationship with God, my Heavenly Parent.

Positively impacting humanity and the world around me.

My future spouse through my commitment to integrity, purity, and fidelity.



Everyone was given a wallet-sized card with their devotion on it to take home to continue to remind them of the experience and the commitment they made.



"I was amazed at the atmosphere of the Youth Revival. It didn't have the feel of any event I had been to previously. It felt like a family reunion and celebration." - Sarah, CARP Cal State LA

"I honestly just felt alive! It was so uplifting, and I've been listening to the songs over again, and it's bringing me back to that moment of joy and fun. I dance and sing, and yesterday just brought me closer to everyone and God." - Nico, CARP El Camino College

The Mission of Christianity from the Viewpoint of God's Providence and the Responsibility of the United States

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Keynote Address, Peace Starts With Me Blessing America Rally

City of Refuge Church in Gardena, California



Respected dignitaries, ladies and gentlemen, my beloved religious leaders, and all of you blessed families that have received the Marriage Blessing from True Parents, I welcome you all. Family Federation members from all around America, I am happy to meet you.

Today, we have gathered to realize the dream of Heavenly Parent and the desire of all humankind. Through receiving the Blessing from True Parents, the door by which you can stand in the position of true children in front of our Heavenly Parent has opened.

Today, I wish to speak to you on the topic, "The Mission of Christianity from the Viewpoint of God's Providence and the Responsibility of the United States."

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ came to earth as God's only begotten Son. Unfortunately, he could not complete everything, and as he went the way of the cross, he prophesied that he would come again. Afterward, through the resurrecting work of the Holy Spirit and the Apostles' work -- as is recorded in the Bible -- the Christian cultural sphere expanded.

However, in the early days of the church, Christianity received severe opposition and passed through unimaginable difficulties.

Then, in A.D. 313, Christianity was officially permitted by the Roman Empire. It expanded from the Italian Peninsula, through continental Europe to the British Isles.



Then, from the United Kingdom, Christian missionaries went out to the world.

Unfortunately, they did not understand the essence of Jesus. They did not know about the principles through which our Creator, God, made this universe, nor that He had been guiding the providence.



In Jesus' teachings, it reads, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Unfortunately, these missionaries, who went out in the name of Christ, placed the interests of their nations and their own self-interest first. In other words, rather than a culture of giving love they established a culture of taking things away from others.

In the 17th century, King James translated the Bible, which was written in Hebrew, into English, and as a result, many ordinary citizens gained access to God's Word.

Up until now, because we failed to understand the essence of Christ, we have emphasized secularism and secular traditions even among religious believers, creating many mistakes.

For example, from the midst of the Christian sphere, communism emerged claiming God was dead. This is humanity's mistake.

At that time, regular believers did not wish to practice a secular faith. They wanted to worship God freely in their own homes. Out of that desire, they crossed an ocean and settled in a new continent. This is the genesis of today's America.

However, even they could not understand Heaven's providence.

Originally, God created all things in heaven and the earth in His own image. He then created Adam and Eve, who were to become the first human ancestors.

God gave human beings responsibility. During their period of growth, they had to grow to perfection in a position of maintaining absolute oneness with God.

However, during their period of growth, Adam and Eve became self-centered and allowed greed to consume them; that is the origin of today's fallen humanity.

God, through our human ancestors, wished to become the Heavenly Parent of humanity, but Adam and Eve brought that dream to ruin.

But since our Creator, God, had created based on the principle of creation that the universe is eternal, God has had no choice but to go through the unwanted and painful providence of restoration through indemnity.

In the Bible, it is written that God chose the people of Israel and, in the position of indemnifying

everything over a long period of 4,000 biblical years, they established a national-level foundation. God waited until that time and finally sent His only begotten Son Jesus and proclaimed, "This is My Beloved Son."

However, even Mary, the mother of Jesus, the family of Zachariah, the Jewish leaders and the people of Israel did not fulfill their responsibilities in relation to Jesus.



Through Jesus, God wished to realize His dream. Jesus knows how painful it was for God to see, once again, such a sad and painful outcome.

That is why he said, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will." [Matthew 26:39]

Once again humankind brought sadness to God that could not be atoned for. God had created a man and a woman in accordance with the principles of Creation.

As Jesus went to the cross, he prophesied that he would come again. Today's Christians, however, say that they are saved by the blood Jesus shed on the cross.

Do you know how far away this viewpoint is from Heaven's providence? Since God created us to be eternal, Jesus prophesied that He would come again to host the marriage supper of the Lamb. So for whom should Christianity be waiting today?

Prior to waiting for the True Parents, they need to meet the only begotten Daughter, the person who is to become the True Mother.

We know very well about the tremendous indemnity the people of Israel had to endure throughout history because Jesus was crucified.

God raises central figures and nations but when they fail in their responsibilities, Heaven finds and establishes another chosen people. Just as you saw through the video today, the only begotten Daughter was born in 1943 in Korea.

Korea's situation was extremely difficult during that time. Righteous men and women wishing for the independence of Korea, notably Christian believers (when Christianity had not yet even celebrated its centenary in Korea) and young students, rose up during the March 1 Independence Movement. This year marks its 100th anniversary.

The wish of all these students and Christian believers was for the protection of Korea. According to the principles of creation, God had to give the only begotten daughter a period of time through which she could reach maturity.

In 1945 Korea was liberated and in 1950 the Korean War broke out. At that time, Korea was powerless. It was divided into the communist North and the democratic South.

South Korea at the time had embraced a democratic regime, but it took time for that system to fully develop. That is why, in 1950, when North Korean communist forces invaded South Korea, South Korea was unprepared for such an invasion. Like a miracle, Heaven sent sixteen UN member nations to come to protect democracy in the Republic of Korea.



In 1960, the time had come when I could decide by myself, and in that year I ascended to the position of a True Parent.

Fallen people yearn to return to God but they cannot go before God by themselves. This is because, due to the Fall, human beings were born into a lineage not connected to God, the fallen lineage of Satan. It is only through the Marriage Blessing of the unique True Parents that a change of lineage can take place and fallen human beings can be born again as God's children.

If key figures had understood the providence, Christianity would have become the foundation. At that time, filled with the spirit and the truth, the spirit of Christianity in Korea was stronger than in the rest of the world.

Since Korea was in such a difficult situation, more than ever, Koreans yearned for the Messiah. Because of such an earnest desire, Heaven sent our True Parents. Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ had to go the way of the cross because the people of the nation where he was born did not recognize him.

Yet, True Parents' Marriage Blessings and the True Family Movement took root in an environment with Christian opposition and we have been continuing these around the world for almost fifty years.

The time has come! We can no longer hesitate. There are many problems arising all over the world that cannot be solved by human efforts and power. There are ethnic, religious, cultural and ideological walls.

In addition, due to human ignorance, we have created a lot of pollutants and caused pollution. If we consider this country alone, we can see that it has suffered many natural disasters due to global warming. Globally, throughout the nations of the world, many are dying.

We cannot sit idly by and watch. This world, which our Creator, God, created for us from the outset, is suffering and dying due to our ignorance. As God's true children, we cannot just sit by and observe this situation. Would you agree? [Yes.]

According to scientists, after 2030, there will be more plastic waste in the ocean than there will be fish. As blessed families that are aware of this, what should we do? We should attend God, the Lord of creation, live in accordance with the eternal principles of creation and find the right solution. Only then can we solve these problems.

It is true that we are living comfortable lives today due to humankind's development, especially thanks to the work of scientists. However, this convenient lifestyle is causing many problems. What I am saying is that we should live in line with the principles originally established by God.

Through the cycles of nature, everything is meant to last forever, but because people abuse the natural world, the balance of these cycles is disturbed and many problems arise. We, therefore, feel the limits of the resources we have for the benefit of all living things on earth.



Blessed couples who received the Blessing today, you would not want your beloved children to live in an even worse environment than today's. Isn't that so?

We must find solutions to these problems before it is too late. This means that self-centeredness, and nations that place their national interests first, will ultimately not survive.

One way or another, we have to work together to get rid of pollution. We must combine our efforts and work in unity in order to do that. Many organizations around the world are deeply concerned about global environmental problems and future food security.

However, they too also think of themselves first. The only answer and way forward are the blessed families, those who have received True Parents' Blessing.

Throughout history, there have been many cultural developments, but there have also been many difficulties. This is because there was no center. So, today... In particular, America is a nation that Heaven has blessed. God has sought to save the world through its Christian culture.

Originally, Native Americans were living in this country. However, God worked with the Puritans and blessed America to become the central democratic nation of the world within a short time of less than 200 years.

This blessing, however, is not for America itself. As I earlier said, with blessing from Heaven comes responsibility. Heaven blessed America so that America can embrace all of humanity.

However, the leader of this nation and leaders of other countries in the world are engaged in politics and actions that are centered on their own interests. Going this way means there is no hope for the future.

All of you here that have received the Blessing today, please fulfill your responsibilities as tribal messiahs, and all ministers of religion participating today please go to your places of worship and accomplish your responsibilities. We have to start a movement that will bring this country to attend our Heavenly Parent, our Creator God, even one day sooner.

This is the only way for America to fulfill its heavenly mission as a nation blessed by God. In this way,

God's dream and humanity's yearning to see the heavenly kingdom of one family of humankind under God can be realized. Today is the blessed day of the realization of this dream.



The West Coast is Subregion 5 of the Family Federation in America. FFWPU has been divided into five areas. Now Subregion 5 is on fire! Am I right? [Yes!] Would you like to take this flame to the Midwest, and to the East Coast? Will you make this country a country that our Heavenly Parent loves and cherishes? [Yes!]

Thank you very much. I trust your determination.

Around us, many unacceptable things are happening, things that people should never do. We must get wipe away all of these things!

On the path to a peaceful world, do we need guns and swords? On the path to a peaceful world, we do not need guns and other weapons. You all know very well, that as a result of these, innocent lives are taken every day.

We can no longer just watch these things happen. What should we do? Let us practice true love. This can only be achieved through the Blessing.

Bishops Noel Jones, I ask you: please keep this flame alive.

