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Steeped in the Semester, Steeped in CARP

As April comes to a close, the semester can start to feel like it's winding down. Finals are coming up, and it may feel like just the last stretch before we're ready to dive into summer. For CARP, this is the time when students are steeped in CARP activities. But it wasn't just the students. Just recently, CARP local directors gathered for a retreat in Estes Park, Colorado where they connected with one another to realign with the purpose of CARP and strategized how to continue to raise leaders in their respective chapters. With a sense of comradery, they felt determined to continue moving forward as we approach the end of the semester and summer!



Meanwhile, the CARP students continued with the spirit of spring. In the beginning of March, we welcomed another [newly established chapter](#) at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. CARP Bay Area hosted a [get-away retreat in Santa Cruz](#) to come alive with the Divine Principle. CARP Las Vegas launched a [new podcast series](#) with five episodes already online. CARP Bridgeport found an opportunity to serve their community by [creating a garden at a local museum](#). CARP LA hosted their 7th [HyoJeong conference](#). Check out some of their stories in the articles below:

News

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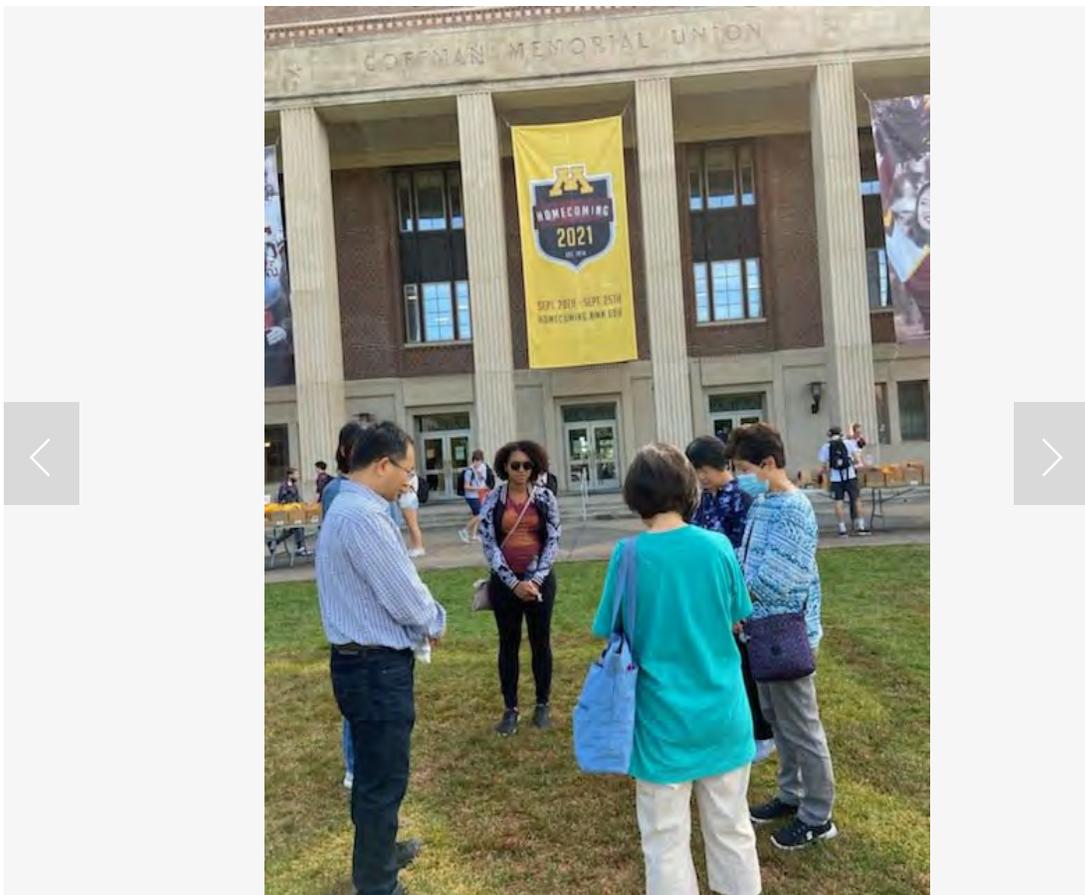
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Seeds to establish the chapter were planted in the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester. They started with devoting to a prayer walk around the campus with their local pastor and members of the [Family Federation](#) community of Minnesota. They designated a prayer spot within the center of campus and many walked for seven laps around the location.

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



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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Group Photo of CARP & BAFC YAM Retreat participants

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From April 1st to 3rd, 18 CARP members and guests participated in the “Truly Alive” retreat in Santa Cruz, California focusing on the topics, “I Need God”, “God Needs Me”, and the “World Needs God and Me.”



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CARP mentors Markus Von Euw and Kazuya Morita gave insightful and thought-provoking presentations on the above topics, igniting heartfelt conversations and discussions for all the teams.

“No matter how much faith you have,” shared Chabot College student Estepanie De Lacruz, “God is always with and supporting you.” She also realized through this retreat that, “God’s love is unconditional,” and that, “God needs me because he loves me.”



Within just a ten-minute walk from the beach, participants were also able to experience nature’s beauty through splashing in the refreshing ocean waves and soaking in the warm sunshine. Much laughter and play took place through team-building activities such as, “Steal the Bacon,” charades, and “Ninja Wars,” in between presentations, creating a familial atmosphere where each participant could feel at home.



A highlight for many was the “Graphing with God” activity which took place at the end of the first full day where all participants had the opportunity to reflect on their lives and create a physical graph depicting the highs and lows of their relationship with God through the years.

Reflecting on her experience with this activity, Maria Barragan, a third-year CARP member shared, “I have a roller coaster of a graph in the ‘Graphing with God’ activity but I feel God’s love now more than I ever did”.

For Judith Nyambega, being her first time participating in a CARP 3-day retreat, one of her main takeaways was that “[m]an is a limited being without God.” She shared, “I completely felt this statement speaking to me, in the midst of all the highs and lows that life has to offer, God is always going to be there. I was able to look back and truly rejoice on how far I have come ever since I was born till now,” and that, “...now reflecting, I feel so much joy because I was able to break out of my shell. I have allowed myself to be completely vulnerable to the love and kindness from others, which has filled my life with gratitude and humbleness.”



CARP members ended the retreat feeling refreshed, re-energized, and ready to take on the remainder of the semester!

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At CARP Las Vegas we strive to create content that invites people to an open discussion. That's been the basis for our [Tribe Talk](#) discussion nights. Based on our experiences with online Tribe Talks and online Campus Talk, we felt it was time to create the same experience where we can share the discussions we have and invite people to hear about our values using an even more accessible medium. And that's how the [Tribe Talk podcast series](#) was born. We were intrigued by the idea of creating a discussion night that can fit easier into someone's schedule and can be shared with anyone, anywhere.

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The Tribe Talk Podcast
a conversation about topics that matter

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How Can An Authentic Relationship Impact Your Life?

It was scary and challenging, and it still is. Putting something on the internet meant we had to be very careful to represent our values as best as possible. Many meetings have gone by to decide the format, content, and what we wanted to convey. We consulted others who have hosted a podcast and those who've had experience with media and marketing. But the only way we could really learn was to finally do it ourselves. As scary and challenging as it was, it was exciting. As we got the ball rolling, it became more clear what we wanted to talk about. Through the whole process, we felt guided and opportunities came our way to make it go well. After releasing six episodes, we've seen the effect it has and the potential it carries. We are also working on segmenting the 6th Campus Talk and posting them as a series for people to listen to so be sure to check those out too!



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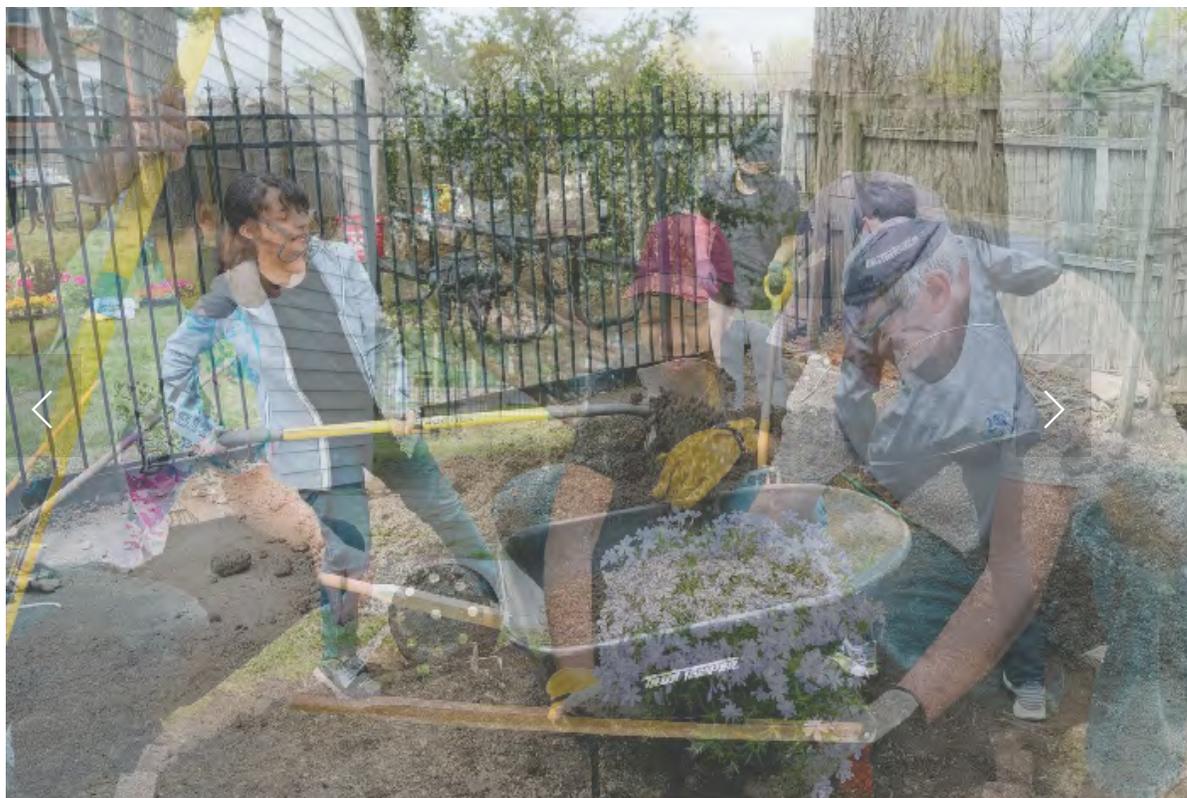
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On April 23rd, they were able to collaborate for a service project of creating their own flower beds and beautifying the entrance of the museum. Fifteen participants were able to join. Being able to serve their community was a growing experience for all of them!



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Well Done Team! It is always great to serve by doing something that leaves a lasting impression

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Awesome and looking good!

 **Betsy Orman** 11 hours ago · 0 Likes

Bravo UB CARP great job!