

Testimonies - week before the Mother's big event at Madison Square Garden

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During the week before the big event at Madison Square Garden, young people from across the states gathered for mobilization. There were CARP teams from both Los Angeles and Las Vegas, as well as representatives from other states like Florida, and even across the globe with the Moo Jo Geon dancers and Cheon Il Guk missionaries from Japan. They were given different locations throughout New York City for some final outreaching before the big day, such as in the Bronx, Harlem, Brooklyn, Queens, Bryant Park, Port Authority, Penn Station, and Central Park. A few teams would even help out each day at Headquarters office, making phone calls, organizing t-shirts for the event, and other errands. As the 15th came closer and closer, the youth were even informed that the tickets were actually sold out. Despite that, the young people still went out to mobilize, encouraging people to watch the whole event live online. Each one of them received unique, and personal experiences in which they felt in return, strengthened their own faith. Here are a few testimonies/reflections that were shared:



Tamami, second generation Japanese missionary from Las Vegas

"I was very surprised because there were many prepared people at Bryant Park. I really felt God, True Mother, and members preparing for this upcoming event. I could feel confidence that this is the time to find the prepared people. I can feel True Mother is now joyful because the youth are witnessing for her."

M. Fuller Jr., first generation from Las Vegas, joined the movement around 11 months ago

"I felt so much Heavenly pride in True Mother and the event. Madison Square is really a time where we're coming together as brothers and sisters, and as God's children no matter how different we are. It made me really think and appreciate the position that I was in to be a part of this event."

Y. Kaneko, second generation UPA graduate, now attending CARP Los Angeles

"This is such an important moment, so why me? Even if I think I'm not good enough to be here, True Mother called each one of us and her vision is so much bigger."



C. Katayama, second generation from Las Vegas

"I realized that even one person can make such a great impact. We may think that we are limited and can't do much but God sees us with so much value. Even when one person understands God's heart and Providence, that is so precious to Him. I am somebody who can share even one or two words and inspire people. I can inspire professors, pastors, leaders. When I realize how God sees myself, I can start to have confidence. We are so blessed to know the Principle, because it's not us that's amazing but it's the Principle that's amazing. It made me see how blessed we are to know the Principle, and that it is not just for us, but is meant to be shared with others."

A. Richardson, a second generation from Las Vegas

"The Madison Square Garden event is so important because it's one of the biggest steps towards 2020 and to support True Mother. I felt so much comfort to know so many members were working towards this 'Peace Starts With Me' event. It gives me hope to realize Vision 2020, thinking how much people will be supporting especially after the event. This time in mobilizing for the event also made me feel more secure with being able to make an impact for Vision 2020. I could personally connect with it more due to having this opportunity."