

“Following the Steps of World Religions” CARP Educational Winter Program

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From January 28 to February 4 the First CARP Educational Winter Program on the theme "Following the Steps of World Religions" dedicated to the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week was held in St. Petersburg, Russia. The program was attended by 14 people: six new guests from Georgia and Russia - Moscow, Yekaterinburg, four second generation children from Japan and Russia, as well as members from Georgia and Belarus.



During the program, participants listened to lectures on the Divine Principle and several lectures on the True Parents' Course, as well as visited the representations of different faiths and religions: the Cathedral Mosque, the Peter and Paul Fortress, the Museum of the History of Religion, the Kazan Cathedral, the synagogue, the Lutheran Church, the Catholic Church, the Mormon Church and the Buddhist datsan!



The participants of the program had the opportunity to communicate with representatives of different religions, ask questions and receive open and complete answers.



In addition to different temples, the participants visited the Hermitage, the Art Space "Bright World", the guys were very inspired by the beauty and architecture of St. Petersburg. At the end of the program we participated in the Sunday service in the local community of the Unification Church, for many it was the first visit!



Results of the program: the participants were able to learn more about the Divine Principle, to gain personal experience of relationships with different religions, and also found the determination to continue participation in CARP activities and programs, many expressed a desire to participate in summer programs on Lake Baikal and the Kola Peninsula!

Some impressions from participants:

"All religions say about the same thing, but the Principle also give logical basis to their statements. It's great!"

"Knowing the Principle and True Parents I should not be an observer and just watch what happens. It is necessary to do something for the Providence, since time passes so fast! "

"My determination: I will do my work with enthusiasm, I will look for ways to accept uninteresting and difficult task, so that I can finish it. I will make the morning program of the seminar my habit: cleaning, exercises, reading sacred texts. "

