

One-day seminar for a group of members who lost their jobs recently

Chamarande, France, 14. June 2014



In this time of economic crisis a number of members have lost their jobs in the past few years. Some who recently lost their jobs expressed the need for some type of support and it was decided to organize a one-day seminar for them on Saturday June 14th at our training center in Chamarande.

We began with a presentation on why one business connected to our movement had experienced economic difficulties. This was helpful for those who had seen the business going through a downturn as it enabled them to better understand that situation.

There were then three testimonies from members who had worked in the company, expressing what they had gained from their experience there.

After lunch there was a presentation by Marie-Christine Odent on "Finishing Well to Make a New Beginning: How to Live with Loss and Change" to help those dealing with losing their job. It was explained that we pass through a grieving process when we lose something important to us and we must take the necessary time to pass through that grieving process before we can truly make a new beginning.

Then there was a presentation by David Perry on "Vision 2020" to explain how True Mother's guidance

has been to get back to basics, Divine Principle, witnessing, Tribal Messiahship, etc. And this is the first step in the three step process Sam Nagasaka detailed in his Vision 2020 presentation.

We can only move forward as our families begin taking further responsibility. And those who have lost their jobs can look at this as being given time to invest in their individual and family level responsibilities, helping to create a stronger foundation for our national movement.

There were then two workshops that members could choose to attend: one for FFWPU and one for UPF. Jean-François Moulinet led the FFWPU workshop and explained the witnessing strategy which is centered upon moving our friends, family and contacts forward step by step to guide them toward becoming members, centered on an improved education process. Jacques Marion and Patrick Jouan led the UPF workshop in which they exposed their activities.

The members participating, and their spouses who were also invited, seemed quite pleased with the day. And they can hopefully move forward on their new beginning finding a way to contribute more on a providential level.