

# “The Meaning of ‘Vision 2020’ for my Community, my Family and for myself”

## Summary of the leaders’ meeting at our Seminar Center Neumuehle

Bad Camberg, Germany, 3. October 2013



Over 60 people with responsibilities either with Tongil-gyo Unification Movement, UPF, WFWP, CARP or HARP gathered at our Seminar Center Neumuehle on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss “the meaning of Vision 2020 for my community, my family and for myself”. The meeting, gathering over 60 participants, began with pledge and HDH at 05:00 in the morning. Since October 3<sup>rd</sup> is also German’s national holiday “Day of National Unification”, Claus Dubisz presented an overview in pictures and video clips of the various activities of CARP during the 80ies, which contributed significantly to the downfall of the Berlin wall and subsequent unification of East and West Germany.

Rev. Young Shik An, our regional director, then gave a talk on the current state of the movement and its future outlook. He especially encouraged all of the young people to appreciate the accomplishment of their parents and inherit the spirit of attending True Parents from them.

After breakfast, short presentations were given on various topics of interest, followed by working sessions in the afternoon. The purpose of the working sessions was to come up with concrete proposals and plans to be implemented over the next couple of years.

Here are some of the results of the working groups:

### **1 Tribal Messiahship - opportunities in Germany**

There were surprisingly many inspiring testimonies from families living in communities having participated and contributed to various activities over the years and finally being elected to high office. Some brothers and sisters who specialized in certain areas could achieve great results through their perseverance. It was agreed to organize outreach seminar

### **2 Generation change in the German leadership**

A generational change of the leadership should be effected by 2020.

Curriculum / job description needs to be drafted to specify "tasks of a community pastor and manager". In the cities trinities should be formed, where at least one part should be a 2nd gen. Couple thus naturally growing into a leadership position.

### **3 Empowerment of community leaders**

There is a lack of seminars and training opportunities especially for church leaders.

More use of already working instructors should be made.

Search for other training opportunities; particularly Christian groups have already developed good education seminars for their leadership

#### **4 Future use of the Neumuehle**

The Neumuehle is laid out as a commercially operating seminar house and meets all requirements. At the same time they should also continue to be available for our youth for the summer workshops.

Youth hostel style for the summer (winter) workshops, but a higher class style must be offered for seminars that will encourage other groups to come to the Neumuehle.

#### **5 National outreach department**

It would be desirable to establish a National Outreach Department. Each community should appoint someone or a family that is responsible for outreach in this community.

#### **6 Germany festival at Pentecost 2014**

It will be the 50 anniversary of the founding of the Church in Germany (even in Europe). Therefore, this anniversary should be especially well prepared and celebrated. *Suggestions:* early appoint a preparatory committee; Festival already starting on Friday evening; inviting all Germans abroad; invite some of pioneers of Germany and give them the opportunity to witness about their pioneering; Pavilions set up for Departments and divisions of our movement

#### **7 PR work**

A wide field, but public opinion is of great importance. The next project is the participation of the Kando-Publishing House at the Frankfurt Book Fair. Autobiographies will be freely handed out as a "sample reading".

One suggestion was to offer more "social services" and then let people know about it (community work is the best PR).

#### **8 UPF: family theme leaflet campaign**

"We have a duty not only to criticize legislative changes and decisions in Germany, who are against the family and marriage and parenthood, but we also have the mandate to clearly formulate how we imagine a family-friendly society in concrete terms."

*Suggestions:* Leaflet campaign with the family UPF view; open a Family Forum as part of our UPF Website

Worth mentioning is the wonderful and rich Korean lunch everybody could enjoy with the money True Mother gave to the national leaders upon attending the first Seong-hwa Anniversary.

After honouring all those, who turned 60 in this year 2013, the meeting came to a rousing end with a spirited song and three cheers of Mansei.

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