

# Frankfurt Church organises an Open Day

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Ever since moving the Frankfurt church to the beautiful chapel at Sachsenhausen, the community had the idea of organising an Open Day, inviting the entire neighborhood and other guests to have a look at the interior of the building. This came true on September 2nd, when the doors opened for anybody and everybody from 10 AM to 4 PM.

We took especial care to reach out to our neighbours. One week prior to the event 1500 flyers were distributed in all surrounding streets, inviting people to come in and join at least part of the day long program.

Young and old joined together in preparing for the day and elaborated on the program. The idea came up to have short presentations on top of the hour on the various activities of our church, with musical intermezzos following at half of the hour. An attractive buffet was part of the attraction as well. Even the artist who decorated the interior of the chapel long before the UC took over wrote a message which was displayed on one of the columns.

By way of short presentations visitors got a good glimpse of the various activities of the movement: there was a short introduction into the Divine Principle, the main teaching,

followed by our blessing tradition, the life of the founder, social projects as part of IRFF, the Youth UPF and our two youth organisations, HARP and CARP.

In between musical presentations included Holy Songs, Korean and Japanese folk songs, pop music for church service and "Blue Baroque" with elements of modern jazz.

The main scriptures were on display in the main hall, such as the Exposition of the Divine Principle, the Cheon Seong Gyeong and World Scripture. Everybody was invited to take a close look. Near the exit, visitors were presented with a bag of information including the autobiography.

We had a child care section, enabling young parents to study the exhibits without having to look after their children.

Originally we expected the visitors to stay for maybe half an hour and people would be coming and going. But the first visitors who came punctually at 10 AM stayed on for several hours, moving from one presentation to the next. They listened with great interest to the various presenters and had many questions.

This was the first time for us to organise such an Open Day. However the success of having some 12 new guest attending inspired our members to repeat the event next year - or maybe every half year.