

Blessing and Vision 2020

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Dear brothers and sisters! It became as tradition for many years to organize in the first half of November the blessing workshop for blessed couples. This time, we hold the workshop from 8-10 November with about 80 participants, including matching candidates. In reality it became quite international with the participation of other members who are missionaries or spouses of Albanian members from Italy, UK, Ukraine, Korea, Japan, Finland, etc.

The content of the workshop was focused in such topics as: Life of Faith, importance of Blessing, Understanding One Self, Couples Relationship, and testimonies from members.

Most of topics were presented by Dr. Ashley & Mrs. Susan Crosthwaite from UK, EUBFD responsible for first generation matching and blessing. Their topics focused on preparations for the blessing, importance of commitment to receive the blessing, couples relationships, empathetic listening, temperament, importance of sexual relationships and Emotion Code therapy. Precious part was their life testimonies. Many members could have the possibility of personal counseling from Ashley and Susan from Saturday afternoon till Sunday midnight.

Some sessions were shared in groups such as families with children, couples who didn't start family and matching candidates. Our national leader Gani Rroshi guided the session for matching candidates.

From Saturday afternoon till Sunday, Rev. Shin, special envoy of True Mother in Albania, spoke mostly about our relationship with God. He emphasized that if we find the spirit of God in our

inner self than the world will change. We need to create such a heartistic relationship with God. His message was given powerfully from the depth of his heart and could really touch brothers and sisters heart as was expressed in their reflections.



A moving testimony was given by Mrs. Anila Prethi, Albanian member from 2002, blessed with Muamer from

Bosnia. She spoke very sincerely and for the difficulties she had with her blessing and how difficult was for her to understand her husband, how her grandfather in spiritual world was guiding and supporting her that finally she could overcome and unite with her husband. Now they have 2 children.

Also this time, we gave an opportunity to two of our blessed sisters who mastered in psychology to present themselves and to offer their support to brothers and sisters.

This workshop was a very beautiful time to regenerate and reflect on our life of faith, relationships with our spouses and a beautiful journey on the topics presented. The presence of blessed couples was a very beautiful feeling as a big family centered on True Parents.

The culture evening in Saturday was very special for all of us, but more special for foreigners who had the opportunity to learn Albanian folk dance.

I would like to appreciate all staff members: lecturers, translation, technical staff, children care staff, cooking staff. All of them did a great job and harmonized very well with each other.

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