

Church Growth in Colorado

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Unificationist Nobuyuki Ichinohe practiced lecturing with other Japanese Kodan members who are also learning to teach the Divine Principle.

Rev. D Michael Hentrich, the state pastor of Colorado, reports on the recent outreach and witnessing developments and results in Denver, Colorado, in response to True Mother's Vision 2020.

The Colorado Family Church began responding to True Mother's Vision 2020 by conducting an advanced Divine Principle workshop for members on May 2, 2013. The 25 members who received the internal guidance-style Divine Principle felt rejuvenated and renewed in their confidence to reach out and tell others about the revolutionary legacy that True Parents have given us. The lectures were given by the Rev. D. Michael Hentrich, Colorado State Pastor.

Following that, weekly practice-teaching sessions were held every consecutive Thursday and are continuing to this day. About 10 members of the community are making a weekly effort to practice teaching the Divine Principle utilizing the slideshow demonstrated to us by Dr. Michael Balcomb, president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) USA, when he first came to Denver several months ago, in December 2012. The result, again, has been increased confidence to share with others about our incredible legacy and the Divine Principle. In the near future, the focus will turn to involving more members of the community in this critical practice-teaching experience.



At the lectern, Stephen Ngalame practiced lecturing to members of the Colorado Family Church who are also learning to teach the Divine Principle.

The latest phase of our outreach effort has been the launching of a Saturday morning pancake breakfast and Divine Principle seminar for friends, contacts and guests from the neighborhood. Fliers were made and passed out to nearby residents, friends were invited, pancake mix and eggs were bought and the launch was made four weeks ago on June 1, 2013.

On that first week, no one came. The next week, three people came. The third week eight people came. A

lemonade stand was set up that third week and staffed by Japanese Kodan members near the somewhat busy sidewalk outside the Church. Their efforts brought more guests. And, this past Saturday, June 29th, a total of 14 guests came. The kitchen staff had to make more pancakes to keep up with the flow. Five guests stayed for lectures. Two, who have been coming for a couple of weeks now, are considering membership.



Guests and Unificationists enjoy a pancake breakfast on June 29, 2013 at the Colorado Family Church in Denver.

The lectures following the pancake breakfast are structured in such a way that one week guests will hear the first half of a 2-day Divine Principle seminar, and the following week they will hear the rest of it. Then, we start over again. Every two weeks we cover enough Divine Principle for a guest to have heard a good overview of the Divine Principle.

Plans are being made for a three-day mountain retreat each month offering advanced Divine Principle for those who are ready. Several guests are considering this mountain advanced retreat already.



After the Saturday morning pancake breakfast on June 29th, Roger Fuehrer gave a lecture about the Spiritual World to some of the guests who attended the breakfast.

One active long-time friend and Ambassador for Peace who came to one of our pancake breakfast seminars found herself in tears after hearing the Principle of Creation. She was so moved and expressed how much she wished that her grandchildren could hear what she had just heard in the lecture.

These recent activities have all been so invigorating and encouraging for us that we have now launched a Wednesday night spaghetti dinner and introductory presentation of the Divine Principle. The fliers have been created, the spaghetti bought and the kitchen staff lined up. We feel that the wind is under our wings at long last. We only regret deeply that somehow we have not been doing this for so many years. A veil seemed to have clouded our vision for so long. But, now, thanks to Mother's leadership and to Father's spiritual help from the spirit world, the veil is lifting and the plane is truly taking off in Denver. Thank you, True Parents.