

Belvedere Family Church: Witnessing Training Documents For Print

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here are the documents we used for the witnessing training on Sunday.

Thank you for those who attended and if you couldn't make it, these resources can be helpful.

Please check it out!

God Bless,

Pastor Justin

"How we witness in Los Angeles", adapted for New York

8 Question Survey for Witnessing

DP Introduction

“How We Witness in Los Angeles” Adapted for New York

Originally by Naoko Hiraki & Kodan LA in 2015

Adapted by Joshua Holmes in 2020

Greetings,

Early in 2014, Kodan was asked to make a breakthrough in witnessing in America. In July 2014, True Mother stated that Kodan should assist CARP. During the victory celebration with True Mother for Foundation Day 2014, HSA-UWC Brazil leader Rev. Koichi Sasaki gave his testimony about Brazil’s “successful witnessing activities centered on the Divine Principle,” based on one-on-one teaching of the Divine Principle. True Mother urged the world leaders to inherit this victory.

Representing Japanese members in America, Mrs. Naoko Hiraki participated in the 2nd anniversary of True Father’s Seonghwa last year and pledged to win victory in witnessing, which is what True Parents desire most. Since then, Mrs. Hiraki has been instrumental in establishing the Los Angeles witnessing program through Divine Principle Hoon Dok Hae in a community college campus cafeteria. She and her team now have a successful pattern of witnessing and education through which guests regularly come and study the Divine Principle from the Introduction all the way to the chapter on the Second Advent. Through this method, it is possible for guests to become members in 2-3 months. All of the guests, without exception, encounter opposition and trials from their friends and families at some point, but they are able to overcome the difficulties thanks to their strong ties to their spiritual parents. We feel that this breakthrough in witnessing should now be shared widely and expanded extensively. As we usher in the 3rd anniversary of True Father’s Seonghwa as the Elder Son Nation America, we offer this report that summarizes the successful witnessing experience in Los Angeles.

We sincerely hope that great victories throughout the United States will be achieved on this foundation of hard work and success by brothers and sisters in Los Angeles.

We are grateful to True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind from the bottom of our hearts. We also would like to express our appreciation for the leadership of Cheon Eui Won Chair Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Regional President Dr. Chung Sik Yong, and Family Federation USA President Naokimi Ushiroda as well as District Pastor [Rev. Miilhan Stephens] and all brothers and sisters.

Sincerely,

- *Rev. Hiroshi and Hatsune Inose - Kodan President and CIG IW*

1. Jeongseong and practice behind today's success in witnessing

(1) District Pastor George Kazakos (previous District P. for LA) assistance and support

Pastor George Kazakos understands Kodan activities and continues to assist its witnessing. When he visited Korea a year ago, he met the HSA-UWC Brazil leader Rev. Sasaki and learned about their one-on-one witnessing methods. Always interested in reaching out to students and young people, he pays special attention when witnessing to them. His presence is an important factor in our having heavenly fortune and blessing. [We feel similarly about the support from Rev. Miilhan Stephens & our NY pastors]

(2) When we begin witnessing, our unresolved problems and issues from the past tend to reappear. After the start of witnessing activities, Mrs. Naoko Hiraki became aware of the historical battles fought between church centers on the east coast and the west coast of the United States. This historical conflict existed not only within the church but also in CARP. She thought that we could achieve victory only when the issue of disunity was resolved.

She had other challenges. She knew that 2nd generation members, after experiencing GPA, usually lose their high standard once they return home and go to college. She wanted to do something about this issue. She and other 1st generation members had much experience with CARP before, but their past foundation was not passed on to the 2nd gen. She searched for ways to fill this gap between 1st gen and 2nd gen.

(3) Regular education and guidance

① Kodan in Los Angeles, centered on Mrs. Naoko Hiraki, hold regular meetings and conferences to educate and enlighten members.

② Over thirty 2nd gen and young 1st gen members of Japan have visited Los Angeles and received education and training in the past. Upon their return to Japan, many of them received the Blessing and led exemplary lives of faith.

③ One sister who received training in L.A. is still a member of MFT.

④ Mrs. Hiraki witnesses on the frontline to raise spiritual children and also trains brothers and sisters regularly. Many members know that she has no time to sleep.

⑤ Mr. Hiraki has been totally supportive of Mrs. Hiraki, and her daughters, who are college students, go witnessing together. The daughters have successfully restored spiritual children, thus building a solid witnessing foundation by the 2nd generation.

(4) Noteworthy points

Behind every testimony are many brothers and sisters' prayers, Jeongseong, sacrifice, and tears. I would like to discuss the most noteworthy points from our experience.

① Heartistic relationship counts most.

In our witnessing in Los Angeles, we don't just emphasize having our guests hear the Divine Principle contents. We emphasize listening to their life stories from a parental perspective and building a relationship of heart with them.

② Other members were initially critical of the Kodan sisters' campus witnessing because they thought our activities conflicted with the ideal of natural witnessing. They also feared that we might project a negative image about the UC. These members who were initially negative to our activities have changed their minds. One Japanese brother who has been supportive of our witnessing from the beginning said, "When we were single members, we used to witness to many people. Many of these L.A. sisters are mothers who have raised their children, and now they successfully witness and reach out to college students with a motherly heart. This is a revolutionary development."

③ Many brothers and sisters have learned that students on college campuses are in search of true parental love. Many did not receive love due to family circumstances.

④ Victorious witnessing requires teamwork. One other important key to internal victory is unity of heart between the central figure and members through reporting, communicating, and consulting. The central figure tries to be responsible for the entire witnessing effort by brothers and sisters, so we report to him about the guests' status and situations in detail, including their family background and life course.

2. True Father's words

True Parents spoke about witnessing and study of the Divine Principle over twenty years ago. He said:

"You should learn how to witness by distributing books to families. Every week, you can call up those people to whom you gave the books and ask them how much they read and what they thought. You can tell them to come and see you if they want to know more about the content that they read. If you distribute 30 books a month, you can easily reach out to 100 families in a few months. You can call them on the phone and encourage them to study the book together. When they start gathering, tell them to come again. If they don't come, you can visit them and educate them on a one-on-one basis, using the book.

Think about it. Communism controlled the world for 73 years not through giving lectures but through reading books together. Any high school graduate can carry a book and read it. Teachers of elementary schools and colleges also use books, don't they? Don't tell me that you cannot teach, because every one of you will be a teacher starting now. All Blessed families should do this wherever they go, and they must create their own tribe. If studying the Principle of Creation via the Divine Principle book takes three hours, you should mark important paragraphs with blue color so that you can complete the

contents in one and a half hours. Reading this much takes only an hour and half.” (*Completion of the Responsibilities of True Parents*, Belvedere, NY ... December 6, 1992)

3. Internal attitude

(1) Witnessing is not about methods; it is about heart!

① Witnessing entails giving birth to a child between you and True Parents. We give birth through intense love and longing for True Parents.

② Your Foundation of Substance materializes when you have a solid Foundation of Faith. This means that you need to feel confident that God is working through you.

Your conditions for the Foundation of Faith are not limited to prayers; there are other spiritual conditions. Witnessing can be done if your church life (prayers, words, worship service, etc.) is one with your daily life. You should do good deeds, such as Hoon Dok, prayer, donation, clean-up, volunteer work, etc., whenever you find time.

③ Live a life of faith and remove fallen nature through true love and words. But don't try to do things on your own. Always remember to report, communicate, and consult.

(2) Necessary items (what we actually use)

Survey papers, introduction sheet, pens, “Post-it” notes (for exchanging contact information)

Exposition of the Divine Principle in English (3-hour or 12-hour versions are fine). It's good to have two copies, but one is okay.

Notebook (for recording)

4. Approaching people

Go out at least once a week. Approach people for at least 40 minutes or 1 hour.

Always go out to the same place at the same time.

Continuing the same pattern can create a spiritual vortex that allows people to be drawn in.

Each time you go out, try to get contact information from 3 people, or at least from 1 person.

If that's not easy, try to approach at least 3 people each day. Imagine a person you want to meet.

Your goal is to meet a person, exchange contact information, and make an appointment to see him/her again.

Make a pair and witness together.

If four members work together, you can switch pairs regularly. Random pairing by the Rock-Paper-Scissors method may be a good idea.

Take turns to approach people.

The member who first greets and approaches someone should try to lead the conversation with the other member's assistance.

The member who first approached should continue contacting the guest, but the witnessing team and other members can pray, make conditions, and give practical assistance. The member who invests his or her heart is the spiritual parent, and this is determined by the spiritual child. The more interaction, the better chances for restoration. Investment of love is most important. Even emailing requires spiritual energy.

If it is your partner's turn to approach someone, let her approach the person you thought might be good.

If your partner asks you to approach a specific person, go ahead and do it. After saying hello, show the survey sheet and ask him/her to answer. Answering all survey questions can take time, so it is okay to have the person choose just one question and answer.

Have them share their stories, and listen attentively. Don't criticize or make corrections even if you think they are making errors.

5. Read the D.P. Introduction

Have him/her read the Introduction out loud, if possible.

Rev. Moon's name is mentioned at the end of the Introduction, so introduce him briefly. Ask the person if he/she has questions or comments (either during the reading or at the end).

Invite them to study the D.P.

Ask them if they want to study the D.P. (or "Bible Study") together, and exchange contact information (name, cell phone number, and email address). Also ask if they prefer phone call, text, or email.

Ask if you can see them again at the same place at the same time, if possible.

Ask about their schedule and see if they can see you again for even just 15 or 30 minutes at the same place at the same time again. If that doesn't work, ask when is a convenient time for them. As you need to get to know guests well, you should see one person at a time.

6. Your Foundation of Substance is important especially when you have a guest

(1) Prayers and conditions of offering all things are necessary to keep Satan away.

① Your condition of offering all things is a minimum condition necessary not to be accused by Satan, and this can be tithing. Making conditions allows you to be alert. Hoon Dok and prayer conditions are always good.

② Witnessing involves the invisible spirit world. Each member has her/his way of making conditions and overcoming challenges.

③ It is important to know yourself. Try to know how God has been training you. God listens to you well when your prayers are focused on clear goals.

(2) Listen to your guest carefully and write down the details on the spot or after you come home.

① What to write down (the items in bold should be written down on the spot)

The time and date of the encounter

The time and date of the next appointment, if you were able to make an appointment

If no appointment, the reason for no appointment

Name, contact information, methods of contact, age, major in college, town/district of residence, family members

Survey question selected, reason for that selection, answer to the question

Faith or no faith, belief in God, view of God

Religious affiliation, active or non-active member, parents' religious affiliation

Other information shared

② Whether or not you have an appointment, send an email or text to those who gave you contact information. If there is an upcoming appointment, confirm that in your message.

If no appointment, try to make an appointment through sending messages.

③ If the appointment is many days ahead, try to interact well via email. If you already know what they are interested in (e.g., Japanese culture), email them about that.

(3) Report to the central figure

① Report to your Abel figure after your witnessing activities.

The spirit world works well if three Abel figures are united for one guest. Witnessing always requires unity of heart between Cain and Abel. The spiritual parent is responsible for the initial appointment. After the guest shows up, the D.P. study needs to be accompanied by the spiritual parent's constant reports to Abel.

② As soon as an appointment is made, report to your central figure via email.

The first report should include the name, appointment time and date, and details of the interaction (what you have recorded in your notebook).

Report what will be studied in the appointment, and ask what are the important points in that section.

Try to go over these points beforehand so you will be ready for them during the appointment.

③ Report to the central figure if the guest didn't show up.

Even if the guest who made an appointment doesn't reply to your email, assume that he/she remembers and wait at the appointed time. If the guests simply didn't show up, go home and pray for them. You should try to find out why they didn't come.

Report to the central figure the reason why the guest couldn't come to the appointment.

④ If the guest came to the appointment, report to the central figure.

What matters is your conversation with the guest after the D.P. Hoon Dok Hae. Report to the central figure what D.P. section was read, what questions were asked, what comments were made, and what you spoke about. Also, it is important to find out and report the characteristics of the guest, such as punctuality, facial expressions, and behavior.

⑤ Find out the guest's relationship with parents (especially father, but mother also) as much as possible. You can ask questions and let the guest share about himself/herself as much as possible. If your guest is the kind of person who doesn't speak much, you should still encourage him/her to speak by asking questions and sharing your stories.

⑥ You need to find out the guest's desires and struggles so you can become aware of how God and Satan are working behind the scenes. If the guest asks questions that you don't know how to answer, there is no need to answer on the spot. You can save the question as your homework and try to get input from your central figure.

(4) Our guests are our mirrors; we must become solid and unaffected by the environment.

Your spiritual child's status, problems, and issues are related to the spirits behind you. Analyzing your guest can give you an opportunity to take a look at your relationship with God and any issues that you may have. Be honest with yourself and report to God what you really think and feel. Consider your guest's issues as your family's issues and fallen nature. Repent on behalf of the guest and pray for God's assistance so that the guest can understand sins and fallen nature. Be desperate to restore your guest and shed tears of strong sympathy.

Pray a lot about your spiritual child's background.

(5) Your parent-child relationship issues stem from not only you and your parents but historical accumulation.

We can trace the problems all the way back to the relationship between God and Adam/Eve. Our ancestors piled up many problems, including parental neglect or abandonment (often due to poverty), children's rebellion and betrayal, and even murder. You are being restored so you can indemnify past issues in history, representing all your ancestors.

Even if your relationship with your parents was bad, you can indemnify that and other historical failures horizontally, through your life of faith in the church that follows the patterns of Cain-Abel relations, fund-raising, and witnessing. Your life of faith also allows you to receive God's love and True Parents' love. If you follow what True Father said including the 7-year formula course, you can restore your relatives. Many of us failed to realize this and started our families without dealing with our relatives, so we still have many issues left. The remaining issues resurface often as problems with our spouse and children, causing challenges that we must indemnify. This is a problem.

(6) God gave us the course of fund-raising and witnessing so we can address all heart-level problems.

The kind of problems that took us many years to solve can be resolved very quickly nowadays if we make efforts with the right frame of mind. As Tribal Messiahs, we must consider and treat the issues in our tribe as our own, and take responsibility for everyone even after we pass on to the spirit world.

After many one-on-one Hoon Dok Hae meetings, you can consult with your central figure about inviting your guest to attend lectures. You can invite guests by letting them know that your pastor's overview presentations can help them understand the D.P.

Once they come and get connected to the central figure, their family situation should begin changing.

7. One-on-one study (Hoon Dok Hae) of the Divine Principle

(1) When your guests come for their first appointment, they should read the Introduction. At each appointment after that, they can continue reading *Exposition of the Divine Principle* from one section to the next.

They can read the 3-hour D.P., or the colored edition of the Exposition of the D.P. (red and blue portions), whichever is easier. If you are using the colored D.P., the guest reads the red and you read the blue out loud. (If it is hard for you to read, the guest can read both the red and the blue.) At each appointment with your guest, think that this is a precious opportunity that may not come again. At least, try to read one section for 20-30 minutes. If your total appointment time is only 15-30 minutes, try to do Hoon Dok for 5 minutes. Continuous Hoon Dok should allow the guest to come more often. As much as time allows, explain the D.P. section that was just read.

(See the 35-Week One-on-One HDH Divine Principle Study Plan for a week by week explanation of key points to teach and discuss with guests.)

God Bless You and Let's Bring Total Victory through Total Salvation, Total Mobilization, and Total Investment to Heavenly Parent and True Parents!

Clear answers to:

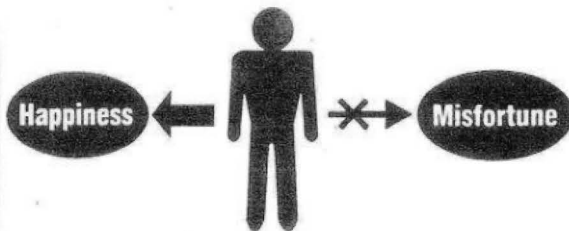
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Introduction

(1) Human Striving



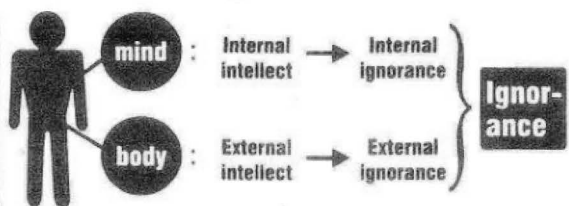
- Everyone is struggling to attain happiness and avoid misfortune (p. 1).
- People feel joy when their desires are fulfilled.

(2) Human Contradiction and the Fall



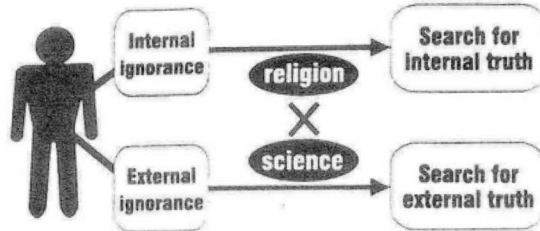
- Within the self-same individual are two opposing inclinations: the original mind that desires goodness and the evil mind that desires wickedness (p. 2).
- They are engaged in a fierce battle, striving to accomplish two conflicting purposes. Any being possessing such a contradiction within itself is doomed to perish.
- Christianity sees this state of destruction as the result of the human Fall.

(3) Human Ignorance



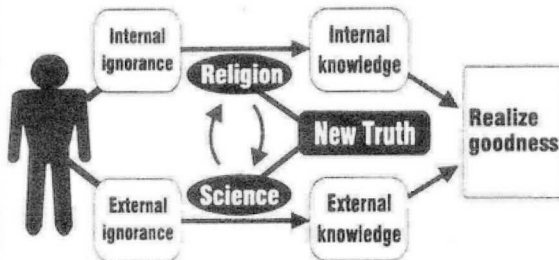
- Considered from the viewpoint of the intellect, the human Fall represents humanity's descent into ignorance.
- People are composed of two aspects: internal and external, or mind and body; likewise, the intellect consists of two aspects: internal and external.
- In the same way, there are two types of ignorance: internal ignorance and external ignorance.

(4) Human Search for Truth



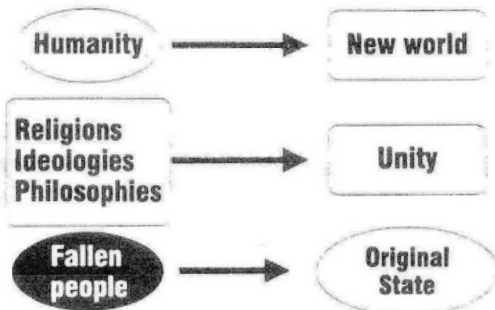
- Humanity through religion has followed the path of searching for internal truth,
- and through science has followed the path of seeking external truth (p. 3).
- They have seemed in the course of their development to take positions that were contradictory and irreconcilable.

(5) Need for the New Truth



- For humankind to completely overcome the two aspects of ignorance and fully realize the goodness which the original mind desires, at some point in history there must emerge a new truth which can reconcile religion and science and resolve their problems in an integrated undertaking (p. 6).

(6) Mission of New Truth



- New truth should bring humanity into a new world (p. 7 - p. 8).
- New truth should be able to embrace all historical religions, ideologies, and philosophies and bring complete unity among them.
- New truth should guide fallen people to return to their original state.

**Reverend
Sun Myung
Moon**



- God has sent one person to this earth to resolve the fundamental problems of human life and the universe. His name is Rev. Sun Myung Moon (p. 12).