

German Leaders' Meeting

Seminarhaus Neumuehle, Bad Camberg, Germany, 19. – 20. July 2014



By Fritz Piepenburg

Over 40 community leaders, UPF representatives and youth leaders gathered for a two day meeting at our newly restored facility Seminarhaus Neumuehle near Bad Camberg. The main theme of the meeting was "Let us save the family".

After welcoming the participants, the national leader Dieter Schmidt introduced the theme by showing a video clip of Dr. Gabriele Kubi, a well-known advocate for traditional family values associated with the Catholic Church.

Dieter Schmidt and Christian Hausmann, both participants of the recent European UPF conference on the Family at the UN buildings in Geneva then gave their impressions about the conference. All participants realized that "saving the family" was one of the prime issues of our times.

Hildegard Piepenburg then presented a plan of action on the same topic, which she elaborated as part of her studies in psychology. This plan of action was well received and everybody felt the need for putting it into practice.

Other topics discussed concerned the membership structure of both, the Unification Church and UPF. Rita Seewald gave an overview of activities within

the Women's Federation for World Peace and representatives from CARP and HARP also presented their projects.

In the evening working groups were formed on topics like:

- Public Relations, Internet, participation at large church events etc.
- UPF International, ILCs and ELCs
- Youth Pastors from CARP and HARP for the communities
- Other youth activities within and outside of Germany

In the late evening there were video clips from the world soccer championship and some late celebrations on occasion of Germany winning the championship.

True Mother's most recent speech was read during the early morning HDH on Sunday. After breakfast, Rev. Young Shik An gave a one-hour lecture on parallels between our time (Lord of the Second Advent) and Jesus' time. The disciples of Jesus were oftentimes unable to understand Jesus actions and development surrounding the Messiah and eventually lost faith. We must not repeat these mistakes and be deterred by our incapability to

understand and grasp every development of our time, but be faithful and loyal to True Parents.
Our brother Ruediger Graeber from Karlsruhe (south of Germany) gave a moving testimony of how he works to fulfil his tribal Messiahship responsibility. Consistency and continuous investment over many years are bearing fruit now.
Fritz Piepenburg then elaborated on the plan to erect three giant windmills (200m in altitude) on the hill next to the seminar buildings. These

windmills will be a great nuisance to the calm and peace of the valley through noise and shadow pollution. They will destroy much of the serene feeling of pure nature. All necessary steps are to be taken to avoid the erection of those windmills.

The possibility of organizing outreach workshops in different cities was elaborated as well as possible dates considered for the next meetings. The leaders meeting then ended with lunch.



Rev An speaking – Dieter Schmidt presenting a gift from the mayor of Bad Camberg



View inside the hall – Christian Hausmann, Dieter Schmidt and Fritz Piepenburg greet the participants



Our music team – Rev An mingling with participants