

Omaha, Nebraska Family Church completes online Unification Thought course

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Deeper with God

Fri. 7/22
7:00 : Prayer & HDH
Greetings
7:30: Intro to the course
Purpose 1, 2
The Heart of God
8:10: Q&A
next reading assignment

** all times are CST, so please adjust as needed*

The Omaha Family Church in Nebraska participated in a virtual Unification Thought refresher workshop through GoToWebinar. Every Friday from July 22 to September 9, 32 participants attended Gerry Servito's eight-week seminar, in which they studied the theme, "Heart of God."

The content of the seminar was broken into segments that highlighted the "three hearts" of God: the hope and expectation of God at the time of the Creation; God's grief and sorrow at the time of the Human Fall; and the pain and suffering endured by God throughout history as God endeavored to reestablish a connection of heart with humankind. The last session explained one more heart of God: God's hope for the time in which restoration has been completed. In this context, the importance of reading the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures was also stressed, in order to keep up-to-date with the development of the providence and the thinking of True Parents. There was also much encouragement to complete an in-depth, seven-day Divine Principle seminar with Rev. Andrew Compton, onsite at the International Peace Education Center.

Among the participants, there were constant expressions of thanks during the question-and-answer sessions, and participants often wept as they reflected or prayed. A young participant expressed her insight that the webinar was a good way for her to connect with and understand the feelings of her elders in the movement.

Mr. Servito sees that webinars could be a great way to follow up and maintain inspiration and continued study. "I think that the Education of Heart as expressed in Unification Thought provides a fresh and important way to teach and study the Divine Principle," said Mr. Servito. "I suspect that local workshops would benefit from this perspective."

The feedback from using the webinars was also very positive. The success of this virtual seminar indicates that introductory webinars provide a good way to spur interest and resolve to participate in more advanced studies at the International Peace Education Center.