

ACLCL – Paryer Breakfast

Saturday, November 30, 2024

Topic: „The Role of Women in Christian communities”

Representatives of 5 different denominations and other guests, altogether 40 persons, gathered together, starting with a rich breakfast buffet.

The official start was made with a spirit filled prayer by Mrs. Grace Nzekwu, wife of Pastor Arthur Nzekwu, from the Celestial Church of Christ.

Alois Seidl, Copastor of FFWPU, Vienna Community, gave a vivid report of the recent WCLC -World Clergy Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, where several hundred priests – men and women- had gathered for 3 days of inspirational talks and exchange of experiences.

Renate Amesbauer, President of WFWP-Austria, gave a short insight about “Women’s Federation for World Peace”, founded by Mother Moon, together with her husband, Father Moon with the purpose to encourage women to take an active role in building a world of peace.

The first main speaker Ms. Sandra Ogunbunmi explained about the importance of active women in a Church community. She emphasised that women are not just to be observers, but need to be active, using their abilities and talents to support their families and husbands, and also assist the wider family, which is the church community. She further stated that women have a big responsibility in providing guidance and in intervening when things are moving in the wrong direction.

She quoted several biblical passages from the Old & New to support her statements.

Pastor Malcolm from “The Christian Community” explained the development of participation of women in their church: 1922 there had been 3 women as priests out of 45; now 2022 it is 50-50%. In their experience the advantage to have women pastors is that in case of difficulties, the female members of a community can approach the female pastor, while the men can get advice from the male pastor.

He honestly shared that the rise of independence of women, claiming their rightful position, put a pressure on men as they needed to adapt to this new situation.

Pastor Patience (a lady), from an evangelical church, gave her powerful speech about the women as prophets, not only in their homes, but also in the churches. She brought several Bible quotes in support of her explanations.

Father Nestor, a catholic priests told us about the efforts made that women also be more accepted, at least in role of a Deaconess. This discussion is ongoing.

The meeting was officially closed by P. Arthur Nzekwu.

In conclusion everyone agreed that intend to visit each other more often.

Report written by Alois Seidl & Renate Amesbauer



Mrs. Sandra Ogunbunmi



Pastor Patience



Pastor Arthur Nzekwu



Father Nestor (Catholic Church)



Pastor Malcolm



Elisabeth Nzekwu, daughter of Rev. Arthur, served as MC



Our brother Alois showing the present which he got from the Korean pastors at the WCLC in Las Vegas

