

WFWP Upper Austria's workshop: Is God an old man with a long beard?

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On 6 May 2017 the Upper Austrian chapter of WFWP held a workshop under the topic “Is God an old man with a long beard? – Or in which other ways could God meet us?”

This 'Workshop about feminine expressions of God' was set up and led by Catholic Bishop Mrs. Christine Mayr-Lumetzberger.

The audience consisted of 13 people. The participants drew notions of God they had during their childhood and from the present time. There was also meditative background music. Mrs. Mayr-Lumetzberger explored God's attributes according to the Bible:

God gives life, God is like a midwife, and like a mother, God never lets down his children, like a mother God cares for His children, from far He recognizes the voices of His children and protects them from any danger. Albeit we cannot touch God – still some people like for example Hildegard von Bingen experienced a healing God.

In Mrs. May-Lumertzberger's eyes green is a divine color, as it also has been sensed by many spiritually open people in the past.

Mrs. Mayr-Lumetzberger showed a picture with God as a breeding hen, inspired by the biblical account in Luke 13, 34 (“.....how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings.....”) Finally, with deep gratitude Mrs. Mayr-Lumetzberger accepted her appointment as “Amabssador for Peace”.

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