

Students of theology listen to Divine Principle lecture

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Without doubt the most prepared people to listen to Divine Principle lectures would be theologians and priests. Unfortunately, we have still great difficulties to reach their attention. One great opportunity came on April 29, 2013. Five members of our Bratislava community visited the Evangelical Theological Faculty of the Comenius University. ThDr. Monika Zavis, PhD. from the Department of Contextual Theology wanted us to present an outline of the Unification theology to her class. There were over twenty students present. During her welcoming remarks ThDr. Zavis asked them to listen respectfully to these representatives of another faith. Thereby she prepared the perfect condition for a fruitful interreligious dialogue.



The lecturer was Milos Klas who presented an outline of the chapters Ideal of Creation, Fall of Man, and Mission of the Messiah. Though he made it clear that the crucifixion did not bring complete salvation and that Rev. Moon was the Second Coming, there was no open opposition to his statements. After the Principle lecture our members Dorota Simekova, Stefan Jakubac, Barbara Grabner and Viktoria Savchenko were asked to come to the front and say a few words about their couple and the process of matching. The latter topic roused considerable interest. Questions about our theology were answered by Stefan Jakubac who had studied at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown. Some students accepted a copy of True Father's autobiography, some flipped through the Divine Principle book. The presentation lasted two hours, and Dr. Monika Zavis was a perfect hostess.



In February, Dorota Simekova and Milos Klas had visited Dr. Peter Gazik, a well known expert of Religious Studies. Professor Gazik is one of few supporters of the interreligious dialogue in Slovakia; he says that the best way to overcome religious prejudices is to study other faiths. The professor invited his younger colleague to join the meeting; afterwards Monika Zaviš was inspired to let her students know our views too. Hopefully there will be more opportunities of this kind in the future.