

FFWPU UK: Updates from Wales, West Country and West Midlands

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Recently the Wales, West Country and West Midlands held a Planning Meeting together for the future of the community. It was a meaningful discussion led by pastor Elliot Y. See some of the key discussion points below...

Vision: Restore humanity to achieve the Principle of Creation

Goal: To build an inclusive unified community that stems from deep, meaningful, and genuine relationships.

Outreach Discussion Points:

Outreach is not only education, but more importantly building relationships. In order to build relationships we need to build a culture of heart.

Outreach is a two-way system of mutual respect and trust. Similarly, outreach must be inclusive by sharing our hearts and being a channel of God's love.

Divine Principle content is holistic and applicable to all areas of life, content should be taught and planned in an inclusive, exciting and relevant way.

There are creative ways to share the Principle, e.g family evenings

The purpose of sharing the Principle is to understand God's legacy, heart and vision; the Principle can set people free!

Worship

Discussion Points:

Worship fulfils many purpose and is the core of the community.

Worship offers a time for reflection on one's spiritual life; worship enables attendees to be active in building their spiritual life; and worship has a practical elements of building relationships with

others through fellowship.

Worship has the power to give rebirth weekly.

Worship allows a common love for God to be shown across the Holy Community in terms of FFWPU, WFWP, UPF, BCLC and YSP.

Worship allows the congregation to build a relationship with True Parents.

Music, prayers, testimonies, and readings are just as important as the message!

Hold ourselves to a high standard of music and singing.

Explore other avenues for songs of worship and praise e.g from other faiths, current songs and member's own songs.

Good sermons are authentic and share upon an internal experience with God as the centre.

Testimonies have the power to move hearts, but testimonies need to be relevant and checked by the Assistant Pastor and/or Pastor.

Discussion around a national Easter service in the West Country. It is also 50 years since Father planted the holy tree. Discussion around activities for children and young people (table tennis, Easter hunt, possibility of inviting Ala for Sunday School).

Legacy

Discussion Points

A focus on friendships to inherit and share traditions.

There is a need to not only reach out to new people, but to those within the community e.g distant members

A focus on testimonies to uplift and inspire each other. Bitesize education for members, aside from 1 Day seminars

There is a need to support young adults and young families, this group needs a space and equal attention.

Engage young people by encouraging contribution through small tasks and responsibilities

God is in control and everything will go well. Aju!