

## «We can do it» workshop summary

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The “We can do it” workshop was held in Germany last month with ca 100 participants. It was led by Demion Dunkley who has organized a series of such workshops in USA with the purpose of making a breakthrough in our efforts to fulfill Tribal Messiahship. Damion has thought out the Tribal Messiah concept thoroughly, including how to put it into practice. The workshop not only reminded us of our responsibility as Tribal Messiahs, but also equipped us with the tools to accomplish it.

### Survey

An anonymous pre- survey was sent out prior to all participants prior to the workshop.

Conclusions:

- The youth are more confident than the elder generation to succeed by 2020, therefore we need youth involvement
- The greatest obstacle blocking our development was thought to be the negative image of our movement
- We cannot afford not to change
- The “ideal” congregation would consist of a good environment with deep communication and a good relationship between the generations.
- The three main points preventing us from becoming our “ideal” congregation are:
  - a) that we are too scared to proclaim our vision publicly,
  - b) that we don’t listen enough to our youth, and
  - c) that we need to be more creative.

### Workshop

The workshop consisted of experiences, discussion and reflection rather than lectures. Participants addressed the findings of the survey and tried to find solutions and ways to go forward. By honestly addressing these issues and taking responsibility, the atmosphere changed. It was suggested that members form trinities in order to support each other and work more effectively.

### Workshop conclusions

Some of the conclusions that members came to as a result of attending this workshop included:

- we have to commit to change
- the youth are less critical than the elder generation
- God needs us now!
- Substantial results are shared in Sunday Service – inspires others.
- We are starting to listen to each other

### More information

There is a possibility of holding another “We can do it” workshop in Europe.

More information about “Tribal Messiahship” is available at <https://familyfed.org/tribe/> including a report from the European “We can do it” workshop.

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