

Character Education for Primary and Secondary School Teachers in Nigeria

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FFWPU-Nigeria: On June 20-22, 2015 an Introductory Training Workshop on Character Education for Primary and Secondary School Teachers was held at the Peace Embassy in Abuja, Nigeria. 50 participants from 16 schools in Nigeria attended.

The workshop started with True Parents introductory video.

Next, presentations were delivered. Rev George M. OGURIE, National President of FFWPU in Nigeria gave three presentations. First, he talked on “The Need for Character Education”.

Second, he talked on “Teaching Methods and Training the Teacher on Character Education”.

And third, he talked on “Introduction to Discovering the Real Me Curriculum: Students Text and Teachers Manual”.

Then, Mrs. Margaret UDOH, Chairman/CEO of Youth Reformation and Awareness Center in Abuja gave a presentation on “Challenges and Prospects in the foundation for Character Education at the Pre-teen stage” part 1.



And Dr. Uzoma IHEDIRIMADU-ABUDU from Proprietor, Pyramid of Excellence School in Abuja followed with “Challenges and Prospects in the foundation for Character Education at the Pre-teen stage” part 2.

An important highlight was a beautiful testimony on the second day by Dr. Uzoma IHEDIRIMADU-ABUDU about how her nine-year old daughter. He daughter came across True Father's autobiography, read it within 14 days and it made a strong impact on her life. Because of what she learned from the book she has always been offering services and doing thing for others.



Dr. Abudu said it was her daughter that drew her attention to the book and after she herself read it, they both decided to make a trip to Korea to meet the writer of this book. That was in 2012. Unfortunately by the time they had saved enough money for the trip, they heard that the man had passed on. And so to honor True Father, she decided to make it compulsory for everyone in her school, both teachers and pupils, to read the book (As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen).

We give honor and glory to our True Parents for their spiritual presence at that workshop as participants could feel something unique about it.

We are also grateful to African Continental Emissary Rev. Kathy RIGNEY for her generous support toward the workshop through her representative, Mrs. Evelyne WINTER, who personally gave out certificates of participation to the teachers.



Reflections



“This is a timely and well thought-out program. Teaching is indeed a high calling and so a workshop like this is a wakeup call for teachers. NB: A child we don’t mind today is chaos we won’t avoid tomorrow.
— *Lawani C. O. Paul, God’s Will Heritage Nur/Pry School*”

“I have learned a lot from this workshop: I should play the role of a parent in the school; I should be a mirror to the children and a role model; I should contribute my quota to make the world a peaceful place for everyone. May the Almighty reward you for opening my eyes to the reality and need for peace in the world.” — *Ogili Timothy Udoh, Oasis Int’l School, Kado*

“I have learned much about the difficulties and challenges in the development of pre-teens: how to deal with every situation that comes our way as parents/teachers towards the young children; teaching the children how to mingle among their peers and not be influenced by bad friends; teaching them about corruption and good prospects in developing a good character.”— *Ayuba Esther*

“Hmm! I see a burden that I hope I can catch. Character is peace and that’s the summary of this workshop. It’s worth being a teacher with character.” — *Ogbu James, Jenisi Little Drops Academy*

