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Leader's Meeting
Dr. Bergman

We want to post the directions given by Father at the last leader's conference, here on the walls of the Home Church office. Our success this year will depend on how closely we can follow these instructions. You might want to make your own display in your center or office for the members to see and remember.

The purpose of this meeting, once again, is to be able to hear and understand your situation and the situation of your members. This way we can be able to facilitate your work. This place is not just a source of information, but fundamentally a place to discuss and solve problems.

David Fastiggi

Our areas are in Park Slope Brooklyn, the area is mixed from upper middle class to lower class - young artists, senior citizens, and ethnic groups all living together in this section of the city. Sometimes I wonder which of these groups to focus on, I guess the answer is to focus on whomever responds to us. Our areas are adjacent to each other so we can go along with each other into the area. Our problem is just getting out there to the area. When I do go out there consistently, there is much more support spiritually, if I don't go out for 1 week, there is definite affect on my spiritual life. Just having give and take with the people is very beneficial spiritually. We try to reach the people through babysitting, and serving the Home Church contacts, it puts them in debt to me. At one point I painted the apartment for one of my contacts. We have 30 or 35 C type home churches, and we have many good Medical contacts outside of our area. These professional people are very good to us, and very responsive to Divine Principle. This gives me much stimulation in my work. I feel so much vision and hope for these people.

I feel that there is no excuse for not going to my area, but there is something definitely wrong with me. I struggle to get myself inspired, even after these 7 years in the family. I am searching in my character to find what is the problem. I am trying to find the way to make my visits consistent. I really feel my true value when I am in my Home Church area and witnessing to the people there. I guess that I need to make my life more simple.

Ashley Nobel

I am responsible for the advertising dept. of the News World. I have 17 members who sell ads for the News World and the Queens Weekly. We are now trying to organize the situation regarding our witnessing and Home Church according to the instructions of Rev. Kim. Since we had to restart our Home Church work, we picked a new area around that of Era M. and Rodney E. in Harlem. Many of us had not done witnessing for a long time, so it was good for us to go out. We want to use trial subscriptions as a way to reach the people in our area, and we are looking for a center in the middle of our area. The group in Queens are doing very well with a good foundation among the community leaders there. We want to develop this plan more.

Dr. Bergman

Using the News World is a very good way to introduce yourself to your Home Church area. I am really looking forward to seeing the News World and the Home Church members being able to work more closely together. You can raise up people because you have a clear reason to go there, once they become subscribers. Sometimes this is very helpful in witnessing to people who normally would reject you for their own religious beliefs are different or they are negative. The New World gives you a common base, and you are able to hold to certain people that you wouldn't be able to otherwise.

Vic Jessop - I've been working in Washington all week, we do Home Church activity there among the embassies. We have been working in this area together as a staff for 5 years, and just now the mission itself is getting more and more intense as our staff is getting smaller and smaller. There is always a way, however to transfer our work into home church. According to Father's directions the United Nations complex itself is our witnessing area. We are sponsoring programs and following up on those people who respond. We have been reversing the order, and instead of going to the people, we are bringing them to us. Many of our contacts would be very difficult to reach otherwise. We don't always mention that we are part of the Unification church right away. We have a filing system based on the Home Church roster. We have two files, and we begin dating the cards when we come into a relationship based on their knowledge of the Unification church. This way also, we can check the individual progress of our members as well, as see our progress as a team. We want to begin to develop relationships with C.A.R.P. members and the seminary. We have many contacts who regularly come to our sponsored video tape showings at our center. We need a professional people's workshop soon.

Robert Morton

We have been thinking about working in new areas. I am Paula Gray's assistant and I just returned from a tour of duty in Japan. We don't have any areas yet, but we are planning a meeting about this in the week to come.

Richard Wocjek - I came to a decision this week to fire one of our members from the staff. She has continually had difficulty to unite and carry out her mission. I feel very bad about this and it is the first time that I've had to do something like this. I have been a super in my building, it is an amazing way to keep contact with the outside world of realistic problems. Eventually I want to control the building through legal process.

Recently, I've felt remote from the workshop, we have to be committed to the workshop in order to insure that our guests can become committed. We should make the workshop the centerpiece of our movement. I personally want to devote more time to this.

Kurt Johnson - I am on the board of directors of N.E.R.F. last week we had three people in 21 days workshop, and we want to use this group in leadership. On the 22 of March, we will have a spanish workshop, 2 days. S.Byrne is working in his 360 home area using a very direct approach. He will be happy to do lecturing for you.

and is trying to make himself available if there is need.

Mr. Alexander is trying to organize Block meetings to arouse the interest in the people on the current issues that they face such as crime. This way we can maximise our work in the area. We are growing in membership, so we want to send out pioneer missions in other cities. We are going to make a shipment of canned goods and toys to the West Indies, if you want to organize a collection in your area.

Jonathon Slevin - Now I work with Rev. Lee, and tomorrow we will have a Harlem meeting. If we connect to each other, we can pool our resources in Harlem. Guesta and members will be at a meeting tomorrow night at 7:30.

Sandra Lang - The entire education department is now under Mr. Sudo. This is my 6th week as lecturer. We are looking forward to the future, and we are really praying for the Home Church activity. There have been some very interesting people coming to the workshops, and many of the guests are young people who are ready to join.

Mr. Sudo - Did you know that Sandra was teaching at the workshops? Young people who have potential are really continuing on through to 7 and 21 days workshop. Maybe my propaganda wasn't enough but not even half of you knew who the lecturer of the workshop is. I think that maybe your workshop consciousness is not high enough. Phillip Schankar's lectures are really excellent also.

New York Church

Mid Town church represents people who are new to the family, or who need vitality and re-inspiration. If you have one person in your group who is substantially struggling, then it can bring the whole spirit of your group down. If you have people who need study and refreshment, please send them.

Tuesday night lecture programs start at 8:30 pm with Joachim Becker. I really think that members can be stimulated by this day long program and it really helps them to understand the D.P. more deeply. There will be a panel discussion of ministers, including a representative from our church, possibly in the next month.

It is important to help members set up specific goals on all the Roster categories. We have to analyze the weakness of the personal spiritual discipline of our members. You have to identify something that is lacking in your spiritual life and work on it. You can cultivate many relationships in your area, but your number of contacts is not increasing. So you have to begin plotting things out. It is very important that the leaders and the members can have direct experiences with Father, so I invited some of them to the birthday celebration at East Garden. Sometimes because of their mission or because of the life of the members they become disconnected with True Parents. Last night was our Family night and over 40 people came from outside of the N.Y. Church. It builds up a high spirit and you can begin the week on this spirit. Our monthly motto this month is to "Focus on goals, and bring victory."

About literature

Our dept. uses the Down Home Inn flyer to introduce ourselves in our area. Will there be more of these printed up in the near future, and what about other flyers being printed up?

Dr. Bergman

The initial approach can be made with many different kinds of available media - The News World of course seems to be the best, but also the World of Hope pamphlets and Rainbow Project bulletins are very helpful. I'm not going to say that it is not necessary to use these forms of approaching people, but we really need love, sweat and tears more than any pamphlet. Then the initial way of approaching people will not be a stumbling block. We have a great newspaper to use.

Larry Moffit - We have a revolution at the News World. There are about 60 kids who are doing canvassing and selling subscriptions for the News World. When Jesse Epps proposed the News World's approach to Ministers, they backed out quickly because of the sensitivity among the religious community to the Unification Church. Now the kids are going out and making money for their church by selling subscriptions. This also creates a denser area for delivery of the subscriptions. If you have a desire to start something like this in your home church area, contact Jesse Epps at the News World.

Although we have many parts, we have to work as one unit. New York Church is starting many programs. Thomas Paine said "Unity brings strength. Unity is when there is great power for God to work. The core of what we are all about is witnessing, and it can be a source of strength for everything else that we must do."