British Clergy Leadership Conference Seminar - Faith in Conversation

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On Saturday 19th September, members of the BCLC and their minister contacts gathered in the ballroom at 43 Lancaster Gate for another Saturday Seminar to listen to and discuss presentations on the Divine Principle, as received by our True Parents.

The last two seminars were held in the Kent room on the ground floor, which is actually more accessible for some of our senior members, who find it a bit of a challenge to ascend the long and winding stairs to the "upper room". We were, however, able to make use of a full sound audio-visual system, which Joe Cotter masterfully utilised, whilst streaming it all to our Facebook page. Did you manage to watch? The recording will be on it for the next 90 days!

On this occasion it was felt that a more thorough explanation of the 1st chapter should be given to an audience of largely new ministers, so a quick-fire set of 25-minute lectures was given covering all the main topics. We encouraged the ministers to take notes during and ask questions after each session. I felt the content was overall well received, though the questions were few. Was it due to my excellent delivery (I gave all the presentations this time), or was it that the 1st chapter communicates an ideal that seems so apparent and obvious? I think it was the latter, and it only goes to show how such content can offer practical models for any ministry.

Lunch was delicious and lovingly prepared by Mrs Alice Thompson. Our predominantly African-Caribbean guests gave it their all during praise and worship and an extremely vocal unison prayer at the close.

Whilst ferrying some of the ministers back, the conversations continued, and I realised once again how the more controversial revelations of Divine Principle that slipped from my lips began raising an eyebrow or two.

As Director of the BCLC, I continue to realise how lacking my understanding of Christian doctrine is and how entrenched many of the beliefs are. Any success I achieved in the past with witnessing tended to be with non-Christians and "free-thinkers".

It's a learning curve!