

Chicago Family Learns How to Teach Divine Principle from Michael Balcomb

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Sunday afternoon consisted of a Divine Principle lecture training session led by Dr. Balcomb, who presented a PowerPoint slide show developed at Headquarters to help members out in the field spread the Word.

Dr. Michael Balcomb, vice president of the Unification Church USA, shared his heart to some 300 Unification Church members at the Marcus Addison Theater in Addison, IL on Sunday, December 30, 2013. As we had attended the True Family Values Banquet with Rev. Hyung Jin Moon the evening before, members and pastors from across District 7 came together to hear Dr. Balcomb preach.

The Sunday Service began with great music from the worship band that prepared the hearts of the congregation. Dr. Balcomb's message of "Staying Saved" was the finale to the Chicago community's Christmas Sermon Series, and he encouraged us all to keep practicing the lessons we have learned from True Parents. He shared a powerful message about the significant missions of the three wise men and of John the Baptist during Jesus' time and reminded us that Foundation Day is just the beginning, not the end. As it was the last Sunday of 2012, his message was a great reminder of the life and lessons we have received from True Father.



Approximately 300 Unificationists gathered for Sunday Service at the Marcus Addison Theater to hear Dr. Balcomb's speech "Staying Saved."

After service, Dr. Balcomb, along with Chicago city pastors Jario and Leena Vincenz-Gavin, greeted congregants as they exited the theater. Members gathered in the lobby and shared for more than an hour and a half over coffee and pastries. Following service, about 40 members went over to the Community Center for Divine Principle lecture training. During lunch, members had time to share with each other, and following the meal, District Pastor Rev. Kazuo Takami offered introductory remarks and welcomed Dr. Balcomb to begin the training. To start off, Dr. Balcomb introduced himself and shared about what he has been up to in the years previous to his new assignment and how he received this new mission from True Mother. It was nice to learn a little more about our vice president.

Dr. Balcomb walked us through a newly created PowerPoint presentation of the Divine Principle. In the first 20 minutes, he shared the "Introduction" as well as part of the "Principle of Creation," and then

invited four volunteers to give the next lectures, two first-generation Unificationists and two second-generation Unificationists. Everyone was amazed at the professional quality with which each of these first-time presenters could share; they simply read the notes provided by the PowerPoint as they clicked through the slide show. This presentation is written in such a way that even when read, it sounds very personal. Several of the participants expressed gratitude to the Headquarters Ministry Support team for creating such a presentation on the Divine Principle.



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The “Fall of Man” and “Purpose of the Messiah” lectures were completed by four more volunteers. According to participants of the training, the PowerPoint was lauded for its visual, modern, clear and easy-to-use aspects. The point of this training session was clear – anyone could teach the Divine Principle. It was so exciting to see the energy with which everyone left.

Chicago will continue teaching Divine Principle to members and guests alike, and we will do our best to make God and True Parents proud in the coming year of 2013.