

The Spirit of God & The Times of our Lives

Professor Hendrik Hart offered this seminar at two venues – the University of Waterloo and the Kitchener Public Library. Attendance at the University of Waterloo was about 25 and at the library only 5. Hendrik recently retired as professor of philosophy at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto. One of the areas he worked on was the spirituality of all human endeavors, not just the work of religious people. He tried in this way to gain acceptance for religious people who wanted to make open connections between their spirituality and their scholarly work. In this context he spent much time assessing the spirit of Reason of the West, both as it influenced secular academics and as it influenced religious life. In his seminar, Hendrik shared with us some results of these studies as they impact on understanding the world in which we live...

World Peace – A Spiritual Issue

Paul Ellingham offered this seminar at the University of Waterloo with an audience of approximately 25 persons. Paul Ellingham has served as the chaplain for the United Church of Canada at the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier for ten years, and as minister of the Bloomingdale United Church for seven years. Paul has been involved in a wide spectrum of interfaith events in Waterloo and Edmonton and has a special interest in the spiritual development of young people. Paul has also been actively involved with Habitat for Humanity for ten years and chairs an affordable housing corporation. In this seminar, Paul discussed spiritual dimension of world peace – how people's spirituality and spiritual actions stemming from the underlying unity of the entire humanity as expressed through the principle of non-violence can contribute to peace.