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Christian Education Resource Center & Women's Studies

Dear friends and Partners in Ministry,
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is with joy that I share with you about our training events where many leaders come from so many different churches and denominations to learn together, fellowship together and be encouraged to continue with more enthusiasm their ministries.

On Saturday, September 24, 2016, the Sunday School Teachers Training seminar was held in the Near East School of Theology. We had 67 participants who eagerly came for the training and it was so encouraging to see their passion to learn more and become better Sunday School teachers. We are continuing with our theme of “**Joy of Sunday School**”, and this was our 9th annual training.

The Near East School of Theology
The Christian Education Resource Center
Present

JOY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IX

Saturday
September
24, 2016

Session One:
Experiencing Authentic Worship at an Early Age
إختبار العبادة الحقيقية في سن مبكر

Session Two:
Will our Sunday School Children be Future Church Members?
هل سيكون أطفال مدرسة الأحد أعضاء في كنيسة المستقبل؟

Presenters:
Bassem Melki & Mona Khauli

Place: Near East School of Theology
Parking is Available
Participation fee: 5000 L.L.
Lunch & Coffee Break Included
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Last Day for Registration is September 22, 2016

Session One:

The first session was led by Rev. Bassem Melki, where he talked about:

Experiencing Authentic Worship at an Early Age:

The session focused on how can we help and guide our children to experience biblical worship that will remain as an imprint throughout their lives as they offer themselves continuously a living sacrifice to God. They can do that through the church's guidance to love, serve, praise, and give.



After the first session we had a coffee-break.



Session Two:

The second session was led by Mrs. Mona Khauli, where she talked about:

Will our Sunday School Children be Future Church Members?

This session included ideas and procedures to make Sunday School a happy introduction to Church; The value of Junior Church, apart from Sunday School; Welcoming teens to their first Church worship service; Hosting children occasionally in your home as members in God's family.



Mrs. Mona Khauli



After both sessions were over the participants went up to the N.E.S.T. dining hall to have a fellowship lunch where they had more chance to get to know each other and share stories.



Some of comments from our participants...

- *Gave me tools on practical and Biblical ways on how to reach and work with children.*
- *It opened up new thinking perspective and possible considerations to what we do in Sunday school.*
- *The training made me think of my way of worship and how I'm leading the Sunday School children. So it was helpful on personal level. The change starts by the self.*
- *It gave us new ideas and made us focus on points we weren't focusing on before.*
- *Very practical, honest, and applicable.*
- *It targeted points that I had never considered.*
- *Reviewing worship and Sunday School in general led to some new ideas to use. It was an opportunity to remember that one should begin with himself at the beginning of the year.*

I do thank God that these training events are possible and have such a foundational impact on the participating teachers and leaders of children's groups so that they can put what they learned here into practice as they minister to children.

I thank you dear friends and partners for your continual support so that we are enabled to provide such training seminars for the local churches, schools and social centers.

May God bless you and keep you.

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