

LSR Meeting July 31, 1976  
 Report on Communications Workshop at P.S.R.  
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On July 17, 1976, at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, (10:00 AM to 3:00 PM) a Communications Workshop was held with 18 people attending:

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| Gordon Honda    | Roger Morimoto   | John Fujimura  |
| Jeri Endo       | Dale Sakai       | Cindy Okano    |
| Steve Shirozaki | Leslie Shirakawa | Kenny Kawamoto |
| Eileen Yemoto   | Sharon Hanashiro | Jeff Sasagawa  |
| Marilyn Ohama   | Alpha Goto       | Gail Oshima    |
| Brad Shirakawa  | Judy Bon         | Rev. Roy Sano  |

(1) Reverend Sano presented his views on the theme "Roots," and gave an outline of his morning talks on the topic. Briefly:

(A) Psychological Model of the Asian-American Ego (the self)

| <u>Female</u>             | <u>Self</u>   | <u>Male</u>           |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Acceptance<br>Nuture      | <u>Parent</u> | set rules<br>judge    |
| Probabilities<br>Optomist | <u>Adult</u>  | Factual<br>Skeptic    |
| Fitting in<br>Adapting    | <u>Child</u>  | Assertive<br>Creative |

Note-he felt that the Asian-Americans were "pushed out of shape" being more male in their parent and adult mode and being more feminine in the Child mode. He made reference to the Christian concept of "wholeness" and "liberation."

(B) Need for Self Acceptance

Romans 4:13-25 and two secular stories; Pinochio and the Velveteen Rabbit

(C) Creating Values

Acts 7 and the play, "Our Town."

(D) Assertiveness Training

Judges 11 and two stories by Camu, "The Stragner" and "The Plauge."

(E) Service to Others

Mark 10:32-45 and Salingers "Catcher in the Rye."

(F) Coping with Conflict

Genesis 32:22-32 and Salingers "Franny and Zooey."

(G) Summary and Holy Communion- the blood and body of Christ



There was an hour break for lunch and general fellowship.

The afternoon session began with a report on the "Coffee House," idea by Jeri. There was some doubt expressed by some about the effectiveness of the idea and about those wishing to play cards at night. Others felt that the "house" would stimulate discussions and a general fellowship with the use of the proper atmosphere and with the addition of a short program of entertainment and plays-readings-or discussions. Steve felt that we should give it a try at least and then work from there.

Afterwards there was an introduction to "Values Clarifications," and Marilyn lead us as a large discussion group in several of them.

They included;

- (1) An ice-breaker, name tag concept
- (2) Physical usage of Either-Or (Taking sides)
- (3) 12 Things you Love to do (Evaluative)
- (4) The Island Affair

Everyone participated and the reaction was very good. Some of the Value Clarifications will be corrected or modified for camp use.

The Workshop was finished with a prayer by Reverend Sano at Approximately 3:00 PM