



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: WBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS
SUBJECT: SKILLED AND EDUCATED MIGRANTS
DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- WBC Mission Statement
- **Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 8:9-15
- Silent Meditation
- Sharing Insights on Scripture
- **Reading:** *And You Welcomed Me: Migration and Catholic Social Teaching*, pp. 74-81(attached)
- Discussion and Reflection
- Closing Prayer

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Woodstock Business Conference is to establish and lead a network of business leaders to explore their respective religious traditions in order to ask the individual executives:

- To integrate faith, family, and professional life,
- To develop a corporate culture that is reflective of their religious faith and values,
- To exercise a beneficial influence upon society at large.

The Conference, grounded in Roman Catholic tradition, welcomes believers who are open to and respectful of one another's religious traditions. It is committed to the conviction that ethics and values grow out of one's religious heritage.

SCRIPTURE:

2 Corinthians 8:9-15

For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sake he became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And I am giving counsel in this matter, for it is appropriate for you who began not only to act but to act willingly last year: complete it now, so that your eager willingness may be matched by your completion of it out of what you have. For if the eagerness is there, it is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have; not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your surplus at the present time should supply their needs, so that their surplus may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. As it is written: "Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less."

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you know of businesses that employ skilled and educated immigrants? Give some examples.
2. What do you think about the Church's position "against permanent skilled migration from developing countries to developed ones, but not from developed to developed countries?" Why would the Church take this position? (76)
3. What do you think of the question that Pistone and Hoeffner ask, "Does the money sent as remittances by migrants to their family and friends who remain back home stimulate the national economic growth of the home countries in addition to increasing the standard of living of the individual recipients?" Do you know of any immigrant that sends money back home? What is your reaction to this phenomenon? (77)
4. What can you do to better understand the impact of skilled and educated migration on the business life of your city?

READING:

And You Welcomed Me: Migration and Catholic Social Teaching, pp. 74-81