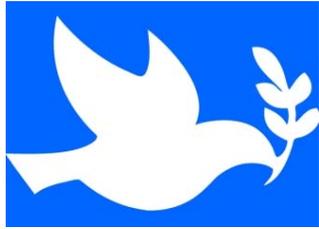


# Where Work



## Meets Faith

- “Great. Refreshing. Very sincere.”
- “Good variety of speakers. Very informative.”
- “I really enjoyed listening to the Presenters. The speakers were very passionate about their business/work and how faith is connected.”
- “Very worthwhile.”

**“Inspiring and practical!”** That is what the audiences say about a Seminar - “Where Work Meets Faith.” According to Gallup in America “92%” believe in God, vs. “98%” in the 50's and 60's. That decline is 6%. The Seminar addresses the decline by creating space around a preciousness of God at work in the lives of ordinary people. Three presenters speak in one Seminar evening, each presentation lasting about 18 minutes in a snappy format. All presentations are based on 1) real life experience, not theory, where work meets faith, 2) practical work tips, and 3) audience questions.

**Trustees** Many presenters are Trustees who offer free appointments for up to one hour of consultation on a topic of God or work expertise

from their presentation. Being a Trustee means being: for each others’ faith gifts defined as extreme value for the common good, for the Seminar, and for leading a more faithful life defined as loving God and loving neighbor.

**In Solidarity** Every person who presents on a subject of God’s goodness, where work meets faith, reclaims out of confusion and chaos, a true understanding of the goodness of God. That true understanding is made in solidarity. Community is built bottoms up.

**Two Venues** Now two Seminar venues are available, “Faith Seminar” at a public library, and “Seminar Series” at a faith community. Audience attendance for both is open to all.

**Connect on the Web** Each presentation is video recorded and aired at loquate.tv. Without meetings and without dues, the Trustees form an honorary ethics association called “Voice of Loquate.” 90 presentations have received over 14,000 hits. Norms form as friends view friends’ videos. The pace of norm setting accelerates thru technology as links are pushed out. Local viewers increase local community. On average every video gets viewed another 150 times on the internet. Engagement is high with 30% of hits viewing the entire video. A sense of God grows. Viewer acclaimed testimonials may be found at loquate.tv.

**Story telling** The Seminar is a way to empower and enhance sense of community through the power of story. Storytelling is possibly the most fundamental avenue for connection among humans. In society today we are bombarded with all kinds of media that is focused on a superficial story. That story can be detrimental to real community, where we all

look out for each other’s well being. Feeling isolated is something so common today that everyone experiences it at some point. When we listen to the stories of others, and share our own we create connections. We realize that we are not alone in despair, in struggle, and in triumph.

“Where Work Meets Faith” creates a safe environment for us to share our experiences. Hearing the stories of people at all different stages in life helps us in our own lives. We all play a part in this world. It’s how we choose to be a part of the world as a faith community that makes all the difference. Come hear others’ stories and come share your own.

We all must co-exist, and happiness and harmony is ours for the taking. So please, help us write our faith community story to be one of respect, care, and community. Join us today!

**The community** benefits because the second half of the Seminar is devoted to the audience. Freely moving about between presenters and neighbors is very engaging. Informal by design, this setting permits discussing “sticky” information heard in the presentations.

**Gifts** The Seminar is about using the gifts that God gave you to build up the community. Hearing many different stories in the Seminar may increase connections among us that will bring us all closer together increasing our sense of community. The event’s social benefit is getting to know each other better. The more we know about each other, the more opportunity we have for being connected.

**Presenters** make the Seminar possible. Presenters empower the community by collectively forming the norms. Every person

has a faith story to tell, and a proven communications protocol gets at the preciousness of God at work in the lives of ordinary people. To present, contact a local Initiator, or become an Initiator yourself.

**Initiators** make the Seminar happen. Once the venue is chosen, Initiators create and organize their own Seminar, principally by getting Presenters. Whether an Initiator takes care of one Seminar evening or several is up to the Initiator. The Initiator forms a team with a promoter and a video producer. The video producer need have no prior experience. Comprehensive write-ups cover all team positions and are part of the free protocol from Loquate. The computer used by the video producer must have large memory (like most newer computers). Smartphones (Iphone 4s or higher and Samsung S4) as well as Flip take great videos. All other equipment used is low cost and commercially available. The expensive part, the website, is covered by Loquate.

**Hallmark** The proven communications protocol gets at the examples of extreme value, often by the grace of God, for the common good, that is a hallmark of the Seminar. The Initiator follows the protocol in getting presenters and that makes the Seminar a highly specialized kind of witness talk about work, called a presentation. And every person of faith works whether for pay or not. So the Seminar appeals to a wide base.

**Who May Sponsor** Anyone who is interested in building and diversifying community may sponsor a Faith Seminar venue<sup>1</sup>. Community organizations, faith groups

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<sup>1</sup> Faith Seminar Sponsors (Not Loquate.TV) may individually reserve a public location for example a Library (1<sup>st</sup> floor) meeting

and individuals not officially affiliated with any faith group may present in the Faith Seminar. A community committee plans the year's evenings. Diversity is sought.

The Seminar Series venue is specific to individual faith communities. Only presenters from that faith community may present. For example the Seminar Series communication protocol has been proven out at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church for four years.

**Video publication** Each video is edited by the presenter's cleric for faith, by a local and regional person for sense of community, and by the presenters themselves. Unless all 3 agree to the edits, the video does not get published.

**Loquate.TV** Viewers select relevant videos. At the website faith enrichment categories are identified, and are associated with presentations of that category. Topics may be searched by title, description, and faith community.

**Growth** Can you help us grow the Seminar? Do you know of a faith community to introduce to the Seminar? Or do you know of someone in the community whom you believe might make a good initiator? Help create space around the preciousness of God at work in the everyday lives of the faithful.

**About Loquate** A charitable center for peace that uses technology for intentional community building, Loquate is officially

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room at a typical cost of \$50 per night for example on the second Wednesday of each month September thru May from 7PM to 9PM. Attendance is free to the public. Except for providing meeting space, the Library is not in any manner connected with the meeting, and neither the Library nor the Board of Trustees endorses any position expressed by the renting group.

recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service in its published list of 501 c 3 charitable organizations. As such Loquate is a not for profit, not a business. Loquate is largely a volunteer charitable organization. Its charitable services are provided by its own following of donors. Presenters are the voice of Loquate. Founded in 1970, Loquate in Latin means "Speak!"

**Loquate's mission** is to work with members of groups and organizations:

- To develop the member's diversity and sense of shared humanity thru self awareness,
- To develop a sense of community in small groups of self aware members,
- To develop the sense of community within the larger group or organization of which they are a part,
- To develop the larger group or organization into a catalyst for the sense of community in its surrounding environment,
- To spread the sense of community throughout our fragile world using small incubator groups to serve as a model for peace.

**Donate** to Loquate to support the work. 6436 N. Oketo, Chicago, IL 60631, or contact [jeff@loquate.tv](mailto:jeff@loquate.tv), or call 773-594-9234.

## Should I Get Involved?

"I am an Initiator. My work is inspirational, motivating, and reaffirming!"

"I presented at a nearby parish and would love to have this at my parish."

"I presented and have nothing but good to say."