

Summary

Title: Pastoral care of people who went through the organization Integrity Life

This bachelor thesis aims at introducing the reader to the problems experienced by the respondents in connection with their activity and leaving the religious group. In this work, this is specifically about the former members of “Integrity Life”. After the theoretical introduction to the issue of cults and new religious movements, a proposed view of cults based on the knowledge of sociology and psychology, the possible contribution of this view to pastoral care, the work continues by putting the organization within the model of the discipleship movement. It also presents a summary of the acquired knowledge about the history, dynamics and the current functioning of the movement as an organization (outward activities) and community (inward activities). At the end a model of pastoral care based on counseling by Zdeněk Vojtíšek and the Society for the Study of Cults and New Religious Movements is presented, with proposals for other possible forms of prevention and help for people affected by the leaving from the religious movement.

In the second part of this thesis, based on the research of recorded stories of former In-Life members, an analysis of the real problems of selected respondents-apostates was carried out to draw attention to the existence of this type of experience, to map out these difficulties and to map the help apostates found.

Keywords

In-Life, new religious movements, apostate, pastoral counseling, discipleship movement