## FFWPU Dominican Republic: Family Peace Festival for Blessing of Marriage

Bernardo Cruz June 9, 2024



We organized a blessing of the marriage ceremony on June 9, 2024, with the participation of 12 couples, and 50 individuals. The theme for the event was "Family Peace Festival for the reaffirmation and blessing of marriages". This event conducted by the Department of Heavenly Tribal Messiah in the city of Moca and Pastor Luminado Pujols and his wife Beatriz Lopez were the officiators of the ceremony.

The event began with opening remarks by MC, Rev Leonidas Belliard, Director of Subregion 5 of the Heavenly Caribbean. The invocation was offered by Pastor Rafael Jiménez of the Adelante con Cristo Evangelical Church.



Josefina Sanchez Secretary General of the Union of Neighborhood Councils of Moca, gave the welcoming remarks. Rev Bernardo Cruz Peralta, national president the Family Federation in the Dominican Republic greets everyone, urging all the couples to be open as vessels to receive God's blessing through True Parents. This was followed by a lecture on the value and meaning of the blessing and model of the ideal couple and family, given by César Augusto Regalado Muñoz, secretary general of the UPF in the Dominican Republic and the educator of the FFWPU Dominican Republic.

Afterward, the MC started the blessing ceremony and Mr. Felix Antonio Garcia and Rosseli Brito, pastors in Santiago officiated the blessing ceremony. The attending couples were Luminado Pujols and Beatriz, Colón Valenzuela and Aurenice Pereira, and Gustavo and Petronila traditional blessed couples.

This Blessing Ceremony was carried out with all the steps from the blessing to the indemnity stick ceremony.

Mr. Candido Gomez director of the Heavenly Tribal Messiah department gave the words of blessing and told the couples to take care of the blessing and to fulfill the promise of the blessing.

At the end, we had a Blessing Picnic for all the participants.