UPF Tlaxco, Mexico: Strengthening Families and Unveiling of the Dove of Peace

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The conference commemorating the 8th anniversary of "Magic Town" in Tlaxco was held on October 1st. "Magic Town" refers to a tourist city designated by the Mexican Tourism Board that encompasses Mexico's culture, history, art, and safety.



In Tlaxco, Tlaxcala, Mexico, the Universal Peace Federation and Family Federation for World Peace spearheaded the renewal of vows and the strengthening of families. At the Akan Equestrian Ranch Hall, participants gathered for this emotional event. The UPF facilitated the strengthening of families through a Pre-blessing ceremony. The conference and main activity were led by General Secretary Victor Castillo

and his wife, Sayuki Matsuo. Ms. María Pallares, the UPF representative in Quintana Roo, served as the MC.

Welcoming words were provided by the president of the IAPP, Lic. Laura Paula López, while the closing remarks were delivered by Tlaxco Major Candidate, Lic. Jorge Rivera. The event culminated with a celebratory cake-cutting, led by Ms. Esther Rivera, coordinator of the State Women's Institute of Nuevo León.



The gathering also featured a discussion on the Living Growth Stages of Formation, Growth, and Perfection, emphasizing the family's role as the School of Love. Victor Paredes and Abigail Vargas, a participating couple, shared their personal insights, noting that the event provided answers to challenges they faced in their relationship. Given the positive impact, there are plans to host a larger event in the future.

In a separate event, the Dove of Peace was unveiled in Tlaxco, Tlaxcala. In Tlaxcalteca, the dove is referred to as "Wiltota." This initiative aimed to foster unity among communities and promote a culture of peace. The sculpture, a collaborative effort between the municipal administration, the State Women's Institute, the Sustainable World Foundation, and the Federation for Universal Peace, stands as a symbol of peace and unity.

The unveiling ceremony was orchestrated by the Coordinator of Cultural Activities of Tlaxco. Mayor Armando Flores, accompanied by his wife, Lic. Rosa María Cerón, and Dr. Carlos Gómez, led the unveiling.

Other notable attendees included Lic. Laura Paula López, president of the IAPP; Lic. Sayuki Matsuo, representing the UPF; and Lic. Esther Rivera, coordinator of the IEM, among other local representatives.

Both Mayor Armando Flores and Dr. Carlos Gómez highlighted the significance of fostering a culture of peace. They emphasized that community-strengthening activities are pivotal in upholding the values and principles inherent in magical towns like Tlaxco.