

UPF and WFWP Organize "Moulin Rouge Agreement" Anniversary in Las Vegas

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Civic, religious and community leaders gathered at the International Peace Education center to commemorate the 54th anniversary of the decision made to end the practice of denying accommodations to Negroes at the Moulin Rouge. UPF Las Vegas hosted a panel discussion on reconciliation and healing in Las Vegas concerning race, rights and humanity. Three of the panelists received new appointments as Ambassadors for Peace, and later performers also received appointments as Ambassadors for Peace.. After the panel, the Women's Federation for World Peace celebrated with its signature, "Bridge of Peace" crossing bringing together women and men of different faiths, color, nationalities and backgrounds to let go of all resentment and hatred towards one another. The evening ended with a Peace Festival with various performances by local musicians and artists.



At one point in the program, the participants were encouraged to write down their resentment and frustration on a slip of paper and place that into a bowl. Several people passionately voiced their opinions and shared their testimony about how discrimination and racism has affected their lives. Although the "Moulin Rouge Agreement" may have been decided 54 years ago, the healing process will take much more time. In the end, two pastors, one a white man and the other a black woman, prayed over the bowl to cleanse all that anger that the people keep welled up inside themselves.



Racism and discrimination is a problem that requires leaders from all areas of life whether they are civic or religious, as well as all ages to eliminate. UPF and WFWP as well as the LVFC in a collaborative effort, is working to reconcile the differences that people hold against one another. "It is only when we begin to see each other as true brothers and sisters that we may end discrimination," concludes Ricardo De Sena, President of UPF-USA.

