

Family Cultural Week in Bolivia

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FFWPU South America: The Universal Peace Federation, Bolivia Chapter, along with the Body of Christ Foundation, the Women’s Federation for World Peace, Association of Spirituality-Bolivia, St. Peter Methodist Church, and other social and spiritual organizations, had organized on May 10-17 the “Family Cultural Week”, to celebrate the “INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY” held by the United Nations.

The event began with a “Walk for the Integration of Family” with the participation of the various social and spiritual organizations in the city of La Paz; the participants wore white T-shirts and allusive banners of the integration of the family and especially defending the traditional family model. The walk ended with artistic and cultural presentations in the Bicentennial Plaza and TV and news media covered the event.

On May 14, the UPF organized a special program for the International Day of Families on the theme: “Men Dominating? Gender equality and the Rights of Children in Contemporary Families”, this event was held at the President Hotel in the City of La Paz. Invitation to the event were given to the legislative, municipal, social and religious sectors where a forum was held participated by the prominent authorities who were experts in family matters.

The President of the FFWPU, Nely Almanza, gave a lecture on the topic: The family as a school of love and peace, which was very well received by all participants.



During the event, the Congresswoman Gina Torres, Department of Tarija know the Project on “Family Month”, this project was given to the Special Envoy of the Cheon Il Guk for Bolivia, Rev. Moon Yun

Lee. Later on, with this project, awards were given to prominent families who accomplished over 30 years of marriage.

On May 15, there was a “Purification Ceremony of the Family” in the chapel of the miraculous virgin in the city of El Alto. During this ceremony with Andean and Catholic rituals, couples reconfirmed their marriage and many families were determined to build better families.

On May 16, the Municipal Government of La Paz organized the night of museums in which the population of La Paz visited numerous museums. During this event, the UPF with the Spirituality of Bolivia organized a “Spiritual Space for the Family”. In this event, artistic and cultural presentations of each religion took place.

This family cultural week culminated with a mass in Honor of the International Family Day, which was celebrated by Father Sebastian Obermaier of the Body of Christ Foundation in the Chapel Villa Dela in the City of El Alto. The Body of Christ Foundation had developed many welfare projects especially in the poorest areas of the City of El Alto.

Also, in the City of Santa Cruz, there was an event in honor of the International Day of Families in which a family was given a reward for achieving more than 30 years of marriage, in the same way in the City of Cochamba, UPF along with the Municipal family platform, presided by the Honorable Municipal Mayor of Cochabamba, were organizing the Program, “I love my Family and you?” This program included: exhibitions in parks, forums, presentation of stands in public places in the City of Cachabamba, this program had ended on May 29.