

## "Women - Family, Career and Society"

Lisbon, Portugal, 8. March 2014



In celebration of the International Women's Day on March 8, 2014 , between 15h and 19 hours in Barcarena/Lissabon, WFPW took an initiative in partnership with the Association AVA ("Life Loves Me") and the UPF, and held a conference with the theme :

"Women - Family, Career and Society"

The meeting had two panels, 7 interventions, 2 of which has a testimony and another in honor of the Co - Founder of WFPW, the

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. This event had 32 participants.

In the 1st PANEL - The Moderator was Ambassador of Peace, Dr. Manuel Gomes and the first intervention, with the theme "Identity and Value of Women" - was presented by the President of WFPW in Portugal – Dr. Marta de Carvalho, who spoke on the topic of perspective and vision of the Founders about the new era of women.

The Tribute to True Father, formulated by Dr. Liberto Silva - 1st National Church Leader in Portugal, has honored and exalted the person and work of the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon from some points of his Autobiography.

The theme – "Women in Education" - presented by Prof. Carolina Pereira, throughout history showed large differences in treatment of women, particularly in her career in relation to man. The 1st panel ended with a short discussion.

In the 2nd PANEL moderator was Ambassador of Peace, Prof. Cristina Pêssego, and first theme was – "The Dawning of a New Woman", by Dr. Maria Candida Campos - President of the Association AVA ("Life Loves Me"), also Ambassador for Peace since 2006 and she spoke on self esteem and personal development of women and about creating harmonious relationships between men and women.

A Testimony of life - in 1st person, given by Dr. Ana Pedro, who described her former life and how she came to conquer the young new woman discovered within herself, with the help of some key people in her life.

The theme, "Guinea Woman in the development and citizenship process", was presented by Dr. Avelino Ferreira, who spoke on the situation in his own country where the Guinean woman is totally living on the margins of any moral or sexual rights or respect, not least bringing up also the cases of genital mutilation.

Finally, the presentation of the UPF with the theme, "The Importance of Women in Society/Family - other Dangers" where Dr. Sérgio Vieira, UPF representative, stressed the dangers of the extremes of a women's emancipation that besides after the sixties, still retains the continuation of subtle domination of man, the increase of physical, moral and sexual violence against women and families, stressing rating divorces and children's abuse and highlighting the vision of the institution on the complementarities man-woman in the family.

Following a short discussion, the appointment of three new Ambassadors for Peace, the event ended with all participants singing the Michael Jackson song – "Heal the World" and the usual socializing.

Everyone left amazed and of course us, with the feeling of "accomplishment"

Thank you.

Greetings from all Portuguese family.

Sérgio & Hyun Neto