

UPF Uruguay and IAPD Uruguay hold an interfaith webinar

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INTERFAITH SESSION

“Mensajes de Navidad”

“La luz de Navidad es una Luz de Paz, que trae esperanza para iluminar el camino de la humanidad como una gran Familia Universal”

SÁBADO 12 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2020, hora 18:00
(Plataforma Zoom)

Organizan
Federación para la Paz Universal, UPF Uruguay
Asociación Interreligiosa para la Paz y el Desarrollo

Panelistas:

- David M. Frol**
Iglesia de Jesucristo de los Santos de los Últimos Días, Argentina
- Rev. DongMo Shin**
Presidente Regional de UPF América del Sur
- Monseñor Sebastián Camacho**
Iglesia Católica Apostólica Antigua, Uruguay
- Rev. Sung Jong Seo**
Presidente Sub-Regional de FFPUM, y UPF América del Sur
- Dra. Sima Baher**
Comunidad Bahá'í de Uruguay
- Maestro. Raúl Rey Benegas**
Presidente de UPF Uruguay
- Imán Yousaf KHAN**
Comunidad Ahmadiya del Uruguay
- MAESTRA DE CEREMONIAS Lic. Merie Rosa Neme**
Presidente de Federación de Mujeres para la Paz Mundial, Uruguay
- Babá Rodolfo de Oxalá**
Director del Centro Espiritual de Matriz Africanista "Reino de Oxalá"
- Pastor Roque Jesús Estévez**
Iglesia Centro Cristiano de Pando
- Pastor Santiago Silva**
Iglesia Evangélica. Iglesia "La Paloma" Montevideo Uruguay
- Dr. Alejandro Tapia**
Asociación Civil Brahma Kumaris Uruguay

Uruguay -- On December 12, 2020, UPF-Uruguay and the Uruguay chapter of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) held an interfaith webinar session. The motto was "Christmas Messages." This webinar meeting was broadcast through the Zoom platform for all of Latin America.

In Uruguay as in the world, the Christian world is preparing for Christmas in a truly exceptional context, marked by confinement and social distancing due to COVID-19. The coronavirus is affecting the mental health of many people, especially those directly responsible for the nuclear family. Distress, anxiety and depression have led to an alarming increase in domestic violence.

For this reason, this interfaith webinar session focused on transmitting a light of hope: positive words that allow us to transcend adverse circumstances through faith and significant experiences of unconditional Love.

Outstanding Religious Leaders of different expressions of faith participated, as well as members of the Table of Interreligious Dialogue and Spiritual Expressions (D.I.E.E.) of Uruguay.

Rev. Sung Jong Seo (Sub-Regional Chair, FFPUM and UPF-South America) began with a warm message. Emphasizing the importance of the meeting and greeting everyone, he gave words of peace and

encouraged the construction of a better society, centered on Our Heavenly Parent.

Rev. Dong Mo Shin (Regional Chair, UPF-South America) shared a profound message centered on the importance of interreligious dialogue, emphasizing God's love for all and the hope that with our actions we can be a light for the nations.

Mtro. Raúl Rey (President, UPF-Uruguay) expressed gratitude for the participation of each of the religious representatives and stressed the importance of overcoming the barriers that separate us, focusing on God as Parent of all and on universal values.

Those offering Christmas greetings included the following:

Sima Baher (Bahá'í Community, Uruguay; Board Member, D.I.E.E. Uruguay);

Imám Yousaf Khan (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Uruguay; Member, D.I.E.E. Uruguay);

Monseñor Sebastián Camacho Bentancur (Old Apostolic Catholic Church; Board Member, D.I.E.E. Uruguay);

Bishop Dr. David Frol (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Argentina; Member, "Consejo Argentino para la Libertad Religiosa");

Pastor Sr. Roque Jesús Estévez (Evangelical Community "Christian Center of the City of Pando – Canelones, Uruguay");

Babá Rodolfo de Oxalá (Afro Umbandista Community; Director, spiritual center of Matriz africanista "Reino de Oxalá");

Pastor Santiago Silva (Evangelical Community Christian Youth Pastor and Marriage Counselor, La Paloma Church, Montevideo, Uruguay);

Alejandro Tapia (Brahma Kumaris Uruguay Civil Association, Board Member, D.I.E.E. Uruguay).

The emcee was Mrs. María Rosa Neme (President, WFWP-Uruguay).

YouTube link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=_DBO6vfFv0s