

## Paraguay UPF's International Leadership Conference on *Domestic Violence Prevention*

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On July 12, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in Paraguay held an International Leadership Conference on the theme of 'Domestic Violence Prevention'. As part of a comprehensive family protection strategy, 15 new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed during the international meeting.



The event program included a Hoyojeong performance, opening prayer, welcoming remarks (by Father Eulogio Genes, spiritual leader and Director General of Cristum Pax, and Marisa Chilavert, President of Paraguay), opening address (by Dr. David Velázquez Seiferheld, Vice Minister of Basic School Education at the Ministry of Education of Paraguay), VIP introductions (by Dr. Victor Oxley, Director of the Culture Directorate of the Chamber of Deputies and Ambassador for Peace), special lectures (by Felix Arapysandu Colonel, Secretary General of UPF South America 2 Region, and Rev. Evaristo Fernández, President of UPF Paraguay), a Q and A session, the appointment ceremony for new Ambassadors for Peace, and a closing ceremony.

Dr. David Velázquez Seiferheld, Vice Minister of Basic School Education, stated, "Basic education is not only taught in educational institutions but originates at home. This is because the home is where the foundations of values, character, and emotional intelligence are formed." He emphasized, "The issue of domestic violence prevention is crucial. To create a safe and loving environment for all family members, we must address the causes of conflicts within families. From this perspective, Ambassadors for Peace can guide us towards mutual understanding for happy families and a happy future."



Cynthia Figueredo, Minister of Women of Paraguay, said, "We must reflect on the increasing violence in homes, work together to create warm families, and I ask for your continued cooperation and support in the future."

Matías Chamorro, Chief of Staff of the National Youth Secretariat, mentioned, "Our country refers to God in the preamble of our constitution and has entire provisions to protect the traditional family structure."

Daniel Castro, Theologian and Representative of the Permanent Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue of Paraguay, stated, "The Bible and the three great blessings of the Creation Principle explain approaches to family and ways to express love and respect. I will strive to practice and spread these diverse values through this opportunity today."

Following this, appointment certificates were presented to VIPs from various fields, including the Minister of Women, mayors, councilors, university presidents, businesspeople, and cultural representatives.

The newly appointed Ambassadors for Peace resolved to further spread the culture of peace and reconciliation, which is the will of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, through opportunities to practice UPF's vision for peace and prosperity and to work towards creating a better world.