



Editorial Newsletter N°2 URI AL&C

Peace, compassion, justice and global sustainability

Unity in diversity as the premise of human society seems to come alive if we teach effective dialogue in the midst of differences and conflicts, an end to violence as a pattern of social relationship, and build a culture of peace in the world of the twenty first century as the single guarantee of our permanence on the cosmic stage, that is, planetary sustainability.

This tetrad-peace, compassion, justice and planetary sustainability, establishes a pattern for interreligious and intercultural dialogue that includes two essential values: justice and compassion. Justice as a value is associated with the common good and is born of the need to maintain harmony between members of human societies. The dictionary of the Royal Spanish Academy defines justice as the ability to build good and the ability to recognize it, because it is a value that drives us to judge and act, guided by the determination to respect the dignity of each person and give to each what belongs to him. Cicero referred to justice as a "habit of the soul" that leads us to think and act in relations based on common interest.

My friend Facundo Cabral said that compassion should not be understood in a plaintive sense, but as "passion for the other", a human value that is born of love and the practice of appreciation, and that drives you to empathize with your peers and to respect them, to sensitize yourself to the suffering of others, and want to relieve it. Compassion also nurtures in us other essential values for healthy living such as solidarity, service and gratefulness.

The central theme of this second edition of Connections: Peace, compassion, justice and planetary sustainability, was selected from among the thirteen proposals submitted in time by eighteen Cooperation Circles in Latin America and the Caribbean, thanks to the technology that allows us to operate at a distance and to the possibility given us by participation and the exercise of free of democratic rights as gateways to consensus.

May Peace Prevail on Earth!

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THE VOICE OF OUR GLOBAL TRUSTEES

World Parliament of Religions

URI Global Trustee, Genivalda Cravo



Harmonious coexistence. Be open to magic

URI Global Trustee, Ciro Avruj



The world, as we see it, has been developed based on the mental models that imagined this creation. If we had been trained to think differently, the reality would be different. It is possible that some of the things we see or perceive we do not like or do not resonate with the desire of our hearts. We have forgotten why we are incarnated here.

To build a society we need to cultivate a new generation of people who are committed to the true meaning of being human: leaders in service with vision of the future. The cause of all the apparent ills of the world is the belief that we are separate from each other. Separate from humans, from the different realms of nature and even from God. It is imperative to begin to think differently, to realize that everything is related and interconnected; this means that any action we take has an impact on the whole and if we want a different result we must analyze what are our deepest beliefs and begin to operate from a different paradigm. Therefore, the world will agree with our beliefs. The source of the problems is spiritual and their purpose is to test us from where we are responding and if we resonate with the reason why we came to Earth. Essentially everything is perfect, for everything has the purpose of leading us to become aware of who we truly are: spiritual beings in permanent evolution to empirically remember that we have come from and return to Love.

Peace, Compassion, Justice and Planetary Sustainability We need ...

Life needs to continue, to Be and To Have Planetary Sustainability Promote justice for all peoples, cultures, creeds, ethnicities, sexual diversity, gender, economic ...

To achieve this transformation we need more humanity, compassion and inner and social peace.

URI Global Footprint With the Charter of URI include cooperation with heart Justice with action, reconciliation and peace.

We need ...

To Say Yes to Life and defend the life of the fauna, flora and humanity. Being a Global Counsellor for Latin America and the Caribbean was an honor, a great learning in democracy, interfaith, empowerment, humility, compassion, silence, action, attitude, choice ... and Peace.

My gratitude to all the Cooperation circles and to all the global leaders of URI.

Genivalda Cravo - 2012-2016 - Global Trustee

To build a more ethical, just and healthier world, we must recognize and embody those values in which we want to live. We need to create a different culture. A culture guided by spiritual values. It will be useful to ask: what does it mean to be spiritual?

As an example I will mention a fact of my childhood that marked the path for me and charted the course for what would be my career and activity, both professionally and in relationships with the world. Being spiritual is simply doing good. As a kid I was a Scout. There I had a lot of experiences and lessons. By participating in the scouting activities, patrol leader in camps and going to serve in places where necessary; I was unknowingly building the character to create a meaningful life. Mainly I remember four principles on which this altruistic attitude is based that I wish we could keep in mind at all times:

"Do a good deed every day."

"Always be ready to serve."

"Be respectful, attentive and gentle."

"When we go away from a place; leave it better than we found it."

These simple rules of conduct allow us to have a much more inclusive, democratic and pleasant society in which living is really a privilege. Utopia? Only personal choice and education.

I trust that nothing is accidental. We are here with a sense that it is not left to chance. Somewhere there is a Plan that orders the circle of life. The experiences help us to remember ...

Everything is inherently interconnected and existence has an evolutionary purpose. Something bigger is certainly emerging ...

The best we can do for ourselves and contribute to the community is to be in our center. Only good things come from there. The magic of life produces the rest ...

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Andean Indigenous Cosmovision

URI Global Trustee, Alejandrino Quispe



Every people, every culture has a conception of reality and live accordingly. The Aztecs, Mayas and Incas, developed nations in Central and South America today, created their own world as a way of understanding the universe.

In South America, specifically in the Andes, whose natural environment is of great density, diversity and climate variability with many hills, a culture developed, known worldwide as Tawantinsuyu or Inca culture (the builders of Machu Picchu), not the Inca Empire.

For us, the heirs of Tawantinsuyu, the world is a living whole. We do not understand the parts separated from the whole. This world is alive, like any animal that can react fiercely when it is attacked. This totality is the natural community known as Pacha. For us, our community is equivalent to any other civilization. All have the same value, none is worth more than another, therefore, all are important, deserving of respect and consideration. In our view this is expressed when we recognize that everything is sacred; Pacha Mama (Mother Earth) is sacred, as well as the Apus (mountains), the stars, the sun, moon, lightning, air, rivers, lakes , puquiales, stones, our ancestors, human beings, animals, and plants, in general, all who make up the cosmos. We converse with everything that exists in our environment because they have life, not just with other men, but with plants, animals, stones, rivers, mountains and everything else. For us everything is alive, nothing is inert. Like ourselves, all participate in the great celebration that is life: all eat and sleep, all dance, all sing, we all live to the fullest and in balance.

For us there are no powerful ones, none who are self-sufficient. We need each other to live, but in harmony with the differences. All beings that inhabit this world are equivalent to any other, that is, everyone; man, tree, stone, river, air ... is an essential living being with its specific responsibility in maintaining the harmony of the universe, and it is in such condition of equivalence that we relate to each other.

Time for us is not linear nor irreversible. The present is recreated, renewed, by inclusion of the past. In addition we are able to know or predict how the future will present itself, through the participation of all the members of our natural community in the telluric, cosmic conversation of the living world. Our time is circular.

In our world, what happens to any of the parts necessarily affects the whole. It is a communal world, a world of mutual support which precludes any exclusion. Everyone is as important as any other, that is, we are holistic and holism is characteristic of a collectivist world.

Our worldview is immanent. Everything happens in the cosmos; there is nothing which acts upon us from the outside. That is, for us there is no supernatural or "the afterlife" and the transcendent. The immanent world is the world of the changing reality, nothing escapes perception. Everything that exists is objective; all that exists is evident, even Wiraqucha, our divinity, is the universal energy that is perceptible and palpable.

The Andean worldview believes that human life has temporary purposes, it is natural and scientific. Likewise, it looks after the living beings that inhabit the universe and is a social discipline. It is a way of life, not a religion.

Alejandrino Quispe Mejia. Global Trustee - URI

Ayacucho, 15 January 2016.

CC Santiago Spiritual Forum -Chile.

The Gospel of Peace, Victor Rey



The term "peace" appears a hundred times in the New Testament. That fact alone shows that it is a concept of fundamental importance to the understanding of the Gospel and the life of the churches.

The Scriptures tell us that God is a God of peace; Christ is Lord of Peace. The Prophet called him the awaited Messiah, the "Prince of Peace"; the fruit of the Spirit of God is peace and to live in the Spirit is righteousness, peace, and iov in the Holy Spirit.

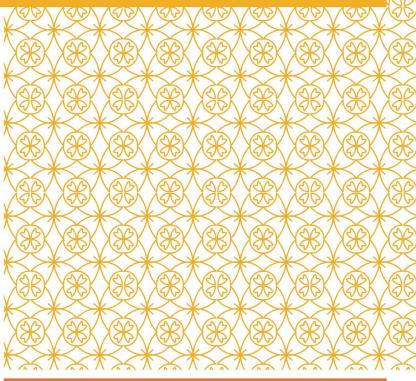
joy in the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of Peace opens up the possibility of a new relationship with God that becomes reality to the degree in which we live in a new relationship with our neighbors. In this community the differences and barriers that separate men are overcome: nationalism, racism, prejudice based on gender differences, the spirit of economic competitiveness, cultural, religious and social differences that contribute to attitudes of superiority on the part of some and inferiority in others. Therefore, we can say that peace is at the heart of the life we live and of the message we Christians proclaim.

The Church has a legacy of peace that Jesus left us. The teachings of Jesus, his life and his death on the cross, point to the New Commandment, the law of love that does not respond to violence with violence but seeks other values: humility, service, community and justice. The birth of Christ was a message of peace from God to human beings (Luke 2:14) and to preach the Word is "to announce the gospel of peace" (Acts 10:36).

In the Bible peace is not merely the absence of war or violence. Nor is it merely a balance between opposing parties, even less the ancient Roman concept of destruction and extermination of all opposition. Biblical peace incorporates positive ideas of health, welfare and prosperity. It is a cultural issue: a new society, a new world (1 Peter 3:13), which is based on justice, respect for human rights, solidarity, democracy, friendship between people, communities, peoples and nations.

What contributes to peace? We need to reflect on the things that bring peace. One of | them, without doubt is justice: "The effect of righteousness will be peace and the work of righteousness quietness and assurance forever" (Isaiah 32:17). The biblical concept of peace (Shalom) is characterized by a relation of welfare, respect and justice of man with God, his fellow man and nature, according to the will of God, the creator. However, the concrete reality is experienced as a rupture of that healthy order. Humans cause the break, but simultaneously become victims. With an unjust order institutionalized and an absence of peace,



the rupture divides people into beneficiaries and victims, oppressors and oppressed. God himself is committed to restoring peace in the history of his people, standing beside those who suffer and are marginalized. In Jesus Christ he put himself on our side and became "our brother" in a final and supreme manner. At the same time, He promises that those who follow him, led by the "utopian" vision of a full peace, will be transformed into people who are "thirsty and hungry for justice" and into peacemakers" (Matthew 5: 6-9)". A privileged place to fight for peace, justice and the preservation of nature is provided by the growing social, ecological and popular movements. From these, as a priority in their education for and practice of peace, the churches derive the formation of political consciousness, the development of materials for the common people and support for those movements with such purposes. The Christian peace movements themselves are also inserted in these movements with the perspective of the "biblical shalom", beyond the institutional ecclesiastical borders.

In conclusion we can say that life is the greatest good for the human being and it is not enjoyed without peace. Peace is what vitalizes and solidifies the understanding of God as a loving God who gave His Son so that we might learn to become children of God and co-workers in building the Kingdom.

CC Campinas Brazil

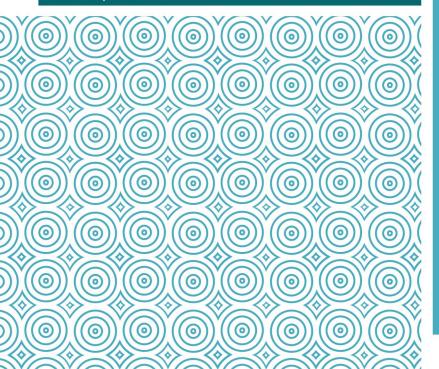
Tribute to mother Dango



On December 12, 2015, in the city of Campinas a tribute was made to mother Dango (Eunice de Souza), priestess of Candomblé and member of the CC URI Campinas since its inception, who received the title of Campineira Citizen, awarded by the city of Campinas. The honor was in recognition of the great contribution of Mother Dango to the city. It was Mother Dango who brought from Bahia, along with Mother Corajacy, the ceremony of "cleaning the stairs" of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Outside the state of Bahia, Campinas was the first city among all other states in Brazil to perform this ritual.

Along with her struggle for the rights of black people, Mother Dango is one of the creators of the Candeias Project which helps with the recall of the memory of the African religions in Campinas and in the region, in order to combat prejudice against those beliefs. It also coordinates the Forum for Food Security, a federal government program that distributes food baskets to 480 families in the region of Campinas.

According to family information, Mother Dango is descended from Africans who arrived in Brazil in the last slave ship to Bahia.



Unitary Act For The Creation



On Tuesday September 1, 2015, members of different religious and spiritual denominations gathered at the Romanian Orthodox Christian Church of El Hatillo municipality (adjacent to Caracas), to pray together and join forces in protecting the planet's natural environment and that of the municipality. It was a further response to the world wide call of Pope Francisco for the Care of Creation the same day. The event was attended by members of the CC for Dialogue of URI, plus a large and diverse audience that included inhabitants of El Hatillo and other parts of Caracas, and even some international visitors, in a very fraternal and participatory atmosphere.

After the Orthodox Bishop of the Church of Antioch, Ignatius Saman, serving as host, accompanied by Frank Bracho, on behalf of the organizing group, welcomed everyone, a round of sober and moving prayers was led by members of the various creeds invited to do so. There was a call for much greater care of the environment, in particular by the municipality of El Hatillo, as an emblematic example of the goodness of Creation -today nevertheless very much threatened by human unconsciousness.

Then, in an effort coordinated by the young ecologist Ignacio Armas on behalf of his group "the Earth warms," the worshipers and the audience all went to ceremonially plant several trees in front of the Romanian Church. All the participants expressed great satisfaction and appreciation for the beautiful and exemplary day, and thanks in particular to the representatives of the Romanian Church as host. Those presenting the ecumenical / interfaith round of prayers or liturgies from different denominations and faiths were:

Orthodox: Bishop Ignacio Saman, the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and auxiliary companions.

Catholic: Father Abramo Permeggiani, Superior of the Paulines in Venezuela.

Evangelical: Pastor Nelson De Abreu, Emmanuel Evangelical Christian Church of El Hatillo.

Indigenous Worldview: Reina Moreno, indigenous spirituality. And from the CC for Dialogue URI the participants were:

Buddhist: Zen nun Marina Tirado, Director, Zen Center in

Baha'i: Weldon Woodard, Representative of the Baha'is of Venezuela.

Brahmna Kumaris: Sister Silvereen Mongru, Brahmna Kumaris World Spiritual University.

CC National Network of Agricultural Educators Paraguay (RENAP)

Graduation Ceremony for Agricultural Education Teachers in Paraguay

The graduation ceremony for the Teacher's Degree in Agricultural Education in Paraguay was held on Thursday November 26, 2015. Rabbi Arieh Sztokman, primary contact for the CC Argentina Love School accompanied the members of the National Agricultural Educators Network CC of Paraguay and represented UŘI LA & C.

The speech by Dr. Silvio Torres Chavez, first contact of the National Agricultural Educators Network CC of Paraguay, highlighted the national impact of the network and the importance of this training course for being the only one given in that country and throughout the Mercosur region. In the words of Dr. Torres: "The training program is a solution for the whole country because land reform and educational reform must be accompanied by a

reform of thinking and not by electoral handouts. An education where the technocratic prevails as the dominant paradigm requires a resistance, a different viewpoint, to move ahead together in a courageous cultural revolution confronting this environmental and social degradation and it is attributed not to the technique itself but the improper or excessive use of that technique. A true educational reform must always become a social position and start even with an educational referendum. Because education is a strategic look, visionary, not a clinging to outdated practices of the past with opinions from the nineteenth century. We are in the twenty first century.'



CC Interamerican Council of Indigenous Spiritually



Declaration of the VIII Forum CISEI, Tarapoto, November 2015





In the city of Tarapoto, Peru, on the 28th of November 2015, the VIII Forum of CISEI was held, entitled "Ritual, Healing and Everyday Life" with representatives of the civil society, indigenous peoples and academics from Canada, the United States of America, Australia, Spain, France, Uganda, South Africa, Cameroon, Mexico, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina. Note that the VIII Forum was attended by members of the CCs Amaru (Alejandrino Quispe, Global Counselor, and member of the CC, Amalia Quispe and Elipio Del Villar), CC ETSA (Rosa Alva), CC URI Lima (David Limo), Genivalda Cravo (Global Counselor and representative of the CC Goias) and part of the leadership team of the region, the Coordinator, Enoé Texier and General Assistant, Adriana Reyes. They took advantage of the opportunity to have a team meeting.

As part of this forum and the conclusions derived thereof, the attendees DECLARE

We celebrate life in its broad sense to include all forms of planetary existence and we declare ourselves to be lovers and practitioners of Peace. In the city of Tarapoto, Peru, on the 28th of November 2015, the

practitioners of Peace.

We recognize intercultural dialogue and complementarity as a way to find answers to the degradation of the Earth, stress, pollution and emotional vulnerabilities that humans currently

We promote the equality of traditional and scientific knowledge and we believe that the ancestral indigenous knowledge enriches our daily lives and the possibilities for healing of all living beings.

We are aware of the current need for the prevention of physical, psychological and spiritual diseases that afflict all mankind, and that a holistic education that integrates all knowledge is essential for healing.

We recognize the therapeutic effectiveness of the proper use of master plants of native peoples in sacred ritual contexts and suggest its inclusion in medical and welfare programs, open to anyone who wishes to exercise their human right to choose this option.

We consider that we must build alliances with people and institutions at local, national, regional and international levels to move towards a culture of rights, respect for unity in diversity and multiculturalism for the true welfare of all peoples and beings inhabitants of the planet.

We recognize the progress of international law in the field of access to and exercise of different cultural and spiritual heritages that contribute to the full realization of human beings individually and collectively and we urge world governments to respect and include these provisions in their domestic legislation and apply them effectively and immediately in their

public policies.

We recognize the progress that has been evolving in Western science for decades that value the knowledge and wisdom of indigenous peoples in the protection of Mother Earth, the care of seeds and crops, their nutritious and balanced food systems, in their methods of healing and in the sacred daily rituals that promote the reintegration of every human being as

part of the cosmos. We reiterate our firm commitment to the new and future generations to work for the general welfare, for a culture of peace, of responsibility for life, for unity in cultural diversity and for a daily and permanent spiritual growth.



CC MEIPI- Bolivia

Solidarity Support Program: "Nest of Peace" Project



The Cooperation Circle MEIPI applied as beneficiary of the Solidarity Support Program with the presentation of the Nest of Peace project, which is oriented toward community restoration by spiritual healing and intercultural harmony. The contribution was approved by the Leadership Team of URIALC in October 2015, and will be used for the purchase of solar panels that will serve the ecumenical and interfaith community composed of members of the CC and volunteers who support the project, as well as pilgrims attending the spiritual healing therapy.

With the implementation of this project, the URI action programs are seen since from Nest of Peace the MEIPI CC works with the objectives of unity, dialogue and healing, accompanying indigenous peoples in their emergence from the shores of Lake Titicaca with their ancient knowledge for the world. Also, it will impact locally by showing the contribution that the Indian can make in terms of ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and to awareness of the need for unity against environmental contamination.

CC Quinaroa-Venezuela

Solidarity Support Program: "Quinaroes Ecotourism Garden" Project

The Quinaroa CC applied for the Solidarity Support Program with the presentation of the Quinaroes Bio-tourism Garden Project, to do the planting, legumes processing and maintenance of the bio-tourism garden which aims to serve as a "managed natural space," where children, adults and young people interested in the cultivation and care of ornamental and medicinal plants, and in wildlife observation and photography come together. Through lectures and field experience, they share with locals and visitors, the customs of the ancestors, ranging from planting, maintenance and harvesting of food, to its preparation in the wood stove. This work has enabled the Quinaroes Community to share the customs of their grandparents. Yelitza Ragel, first contact of the Quinaroa CC said: "... the most rewarding and fun experiences we have had was with the children, who always have energy to learn and to speak out at home and at school, which is admirable. The Solidarity Support Program, given to us was approved by the regional Leadership Team last December 2015. It will be used specifically for the activation of areas for planting, the acquisition of equipment for the processing of corn, and the reactivation of irrigation and water storage because there is one detail: Lagunillas where we live, is a dry ecosystem, therefore, the main deficiency is water. One of the commitments we have with URI is the healing of the Earth and we as the Quinaroa CC work with ancestral practices in agriculture and in the protection of the flora and wildlife surrounding our growing areas, where we also plant other vegetables and have livestock for the family economy. In addition, we cultivate ornamental and medicinal plants that we sell in nearby small markets. All this allows us to use the land in harmony, respect and love for nature, as well as sharing the teachings with our family, friends, neighbors and nearby schools. We are moving toward building a world of peace through the empowerment of ancestral knowledge among the younger generations, maintaining the fraternal ties between all. "







"The Planet is Sacred and Wants Peace!" Campaign is an initiative of the CCs UNISOES Salvador and FEMENINA and has the support of the Regional Coordination of URI LA & C.

We invite all URI Cooperation Circles, with all their traditions and participants to join us, every day at noon for 7 minutes, visualizing our beautiful blue planet in our heart, connecting with peace, love and feeling nature, and the joy of the freedom of belief.

Take note of the inspirations born of these holy moments to inspire us in personal, collective and planetary actions, shared between us, to motivate us as individuals, Cooperation Circles, and the Sacred Planet who wants peace now.

After this first stage, the campaign "The planet is sacred and wants peace!" will move forward as one body of peace and cooperation in our combined steps. Send us your reports and the actions you take to circulate these throughout the URI LA & C Community and its allies.

Do not forget: at noon we joined, welcome!

CC UNISOES and CC FEMENINA

"The Planet is Sacred and Wants Peace!" Campaign

O PLANETA É SAGRADO! ¡El Planeta es Sagrado! The Planet is Sacred!



CC MIR

"Faith in Climate"

"FAITH IN CLIMATE" was an event that brought together twelve national and international leaders of various religious communities to discuss climate change and sign the Declaration of Faith in Climate. The CC MIR also joined this event.

We had as a starting point the Papal Encyclical "Laudato Sí - On the Care of the Common House" and the 21st UN Conference on Climate in Paris (COP21) in December 2015. ISER (Institute of Studies of Religion www.iser.org.br) in collaboration with the GIP (Public Interest Management-www.gip.net.br) carried out the International Conference "Faith in Climate", on August 25, 2015 in Rio de Janeiro. The CC MIR also joined this event which was attended by 12 national and international religious leaders, committed to the environmental issue, who presented their views on the foundations of their religious sacred traditions and on the relationship of the attention of humanity with creation. They also presented the concrete actions that religious communities have taken on the issue of ecology and climate change more specifically. The expectation is that the development of the meeting would generate concerted action among these leaders to promote awareness of their communities on the importance of addressing the issue of climate change.

At the end of the event, the leaders signed the Declaration Faith in Climate which brought together the convergences between the speeches of the participants and was sent to the Presidency and the Ministry of Environment, in order to position the religious communities on this important issue in the national and international policy agenda.

More information: http://www.fenoclima.strikingly.com/





and we are 41 CCs in the region

CC's descendants Guatemaya

New Cooperation Circle in Guatemala



The URI LA&C Family continues to grow.

The URI LA&C Coordination reports acceptance of the Cooperation Circle Guatemaya's Descendants. The first contact is Vilma Rosa Palax Tuy, her email is: vilmapalax@gmail.com

The CC consists of Law students at the University of San Carlos of Guatemala. They have a need to share what they know, their practices, religious traditions and understanding of what was their country before the Constitution. The founding members belong to different spiritual traditions: kaqchikel, Evangelical and Catholic. They hope to participate in the interfaith movement and share their knowledge and spiritual understanding of Mother Nature. On 18 September (Kaji Imox) CC members went to Lake Atitlan (where there is a sunken city, covered by the lake) for wisdom and to ask for water to calm themselves. One of their dreams is that people understand that "we are all children of our Mother Nature and we have to live in peace with one another".

The URI LA&C Coordination reports with great joy that the year 2015 closes with 41 CCs active in the region. In December, the acceptance of a new Cooperation Circle Kuxkatan, El Salvador took place. The first contact is Juan Nelson Rojas Male, his email is: tamoanchanpc@gmail.com

The CC consists of Indians belonging to the Kakawira and Nahuatl Pipil worldviews and the Catholic religion.



The Regional Coordination URI Latinamerican & The Caribbean sends this message to all who work for peace, compassion, justice and global sustainability

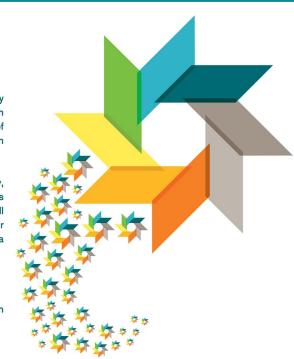


At Christmas, we celebrate the mystery of the Son of God's incarnation, the birth of Jesus and the institution of the law of love as the best connection between human beings, the wealth of our heart.

It is a day of joy, hope and family unity, we embrace all our brothers and sisters of URI on the Earth, praying that God will bless and continue to illuminate their path in loving service for building a Culture of Peace in the world.

Merry Christmas and a great 2016

URI Regional Coordination for Latin America and the Caribbean



Upcoming Activities

Celebration of the World Interfaith Harmony Week



The World Interfaith Harmony Week between all religions, faiths and beliefs is an annual event since 2011. It is held during the first week of February every year.

year.
With the observation of this week, we want to highlight the urgent need for dialogue between the different faiths and religions to increase mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people. The moral imperatives of all religions, beliefs and creeds include peace, tolerance and mutual understanding.

mutual understanding.
The General Assembly of the UN proclaimed the "World Interfaith Harmony Week between all religions, faiths and beliefs" in resolution 65/5 adopted on 20 October 2010. The resolution states that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace.

Book "The State as a Complementary Space of Nature"

The Regional Coordination URI LA & C announces with great joy that in the first quarter of 2016 it will publish the book (translated into English) "The State as a Complementary Space of Nature", written by Francisco Morales, member of the CC Cosmic Community of Argentina. This publication is possible as part of the 2015 Solidarity Support Program.





Proceedings of the VII Forum on Indigenous Spirituality, Spirit of Fire

The Regional Coordination URI LA & C announced that in the first half of 2016 it will publish the Proceedings of the VII Forum on Spirituality Native American Spirit of Fire, a compilation prepared by Vilma Diaz and her team, who are members of the CC CISEI Chapter Argentina. This publication is part of the implementation of the 2015 Solidarity Support Program.



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