



América Latina & El Caribe  
Connections Newsletter, Special Edition

# International Day of Peace

URI in Latin America and the Caribbean is made up of 59 cooperation circles in Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The work includes cultural, social, religious diversity and the great teachings of indigenous worldviews.

## “May PEACE prevail on EARTH”



Every year on September 21, the International Day of Peace is celebrated around the world. The UN General Assembly has declared this date as the day dedicated to the strengthening of the ideals of peace, through the observation of twenty-four hours of non-violence and a ceasefire.

This year, it has been clearer than ever that we are not each other's enemies. Rather, our common enemy is a virus that threatens our health, safety, and lifestyle. COVID-19 has driven our world into turmoil and forcibly reminded us that what happens in one part of the planet can affect people everywhere.

Celebrate the International Day of Peace. This year 2020 URI Latin America & the Caribbean joins the celebration of the International Day of Peace with the theme "Forging peace together" and spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the pandemic through actions carried out by our Cooperation Circles with children, young people, women and wise men from each of their localities and it is precisely by honoring this diversity and their particular efforts that in this special edition of our Connections newsletter we share with the world.

### CC Misiones Unidas y CC de la Unidad, la Reconciliación y la Sanación, Argentina

#### Peace Round

The United Missions CC and the Unity, Reconciliation and Healing CC joined other organizations to celebrate the International Day of Peace 2020 via Zoom.

Within the framework of the 2020 Peace Round, they carried out a playful activity

"Small inspired texts" which is a proposal from the San Juan-Mendoza node on Monday, September 14, 2020.

This activity was oriented to the common good, peace and unity. All participating organizations voluntarily pledged to spread hope and conviction that peace is possible despite this time of pandemic.

INVITAMOS a Toda la Comunidad a la Plenaria n° 134 del Consejo de Paz

En el marco de la Ronda de Paz 2020, realizaremos la actividad lúdica "Pequeños textos inspirados" una propuesta del nodo San Juan-Mendoza



Consejo de Paz de la República Argentina

Te esperamos el **Lunes 14 de Septiembre de 2020, a las 10 hs.** en nuestro espacio virtual de ZOOM

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"Habrá Paz en el mundo, cuando haya Paz en el Corazón de todas las personas"



### CC Latinoamericano de Músicos, Mexico Ecumenical Festival for Peace

The Latin American CC of Musicians planned a virtual event that took place on Saturday, September 26, 2020. Different activities were carried out around the culture of peace, including music, literature, spirituality, Amazon, inclusion and indigenous and ecological social relations. The event page is:

<https://playingforchangeday.org/event/festival-ecumenico-juntos-por-la-paz/>

**CC Mukua, CC Aflai y CC Qewña, Panamá, Chile y Argentina**

**Art Conversation in Tribute to Indigenous Women**

At the special date of the celebration of the International Day of Peace, a discussion was organized, via Zoom, on Thursday, September 24, 2020. It began with an interreligious prayer and then spoke about Art in tribute to Indigenous Women. The discussion was organized by CCs Aflai and Qewña, who invited CC Mukua members to share their Kuna cultural experiences.



**CAMPAÑA INTERCONTINENTAL "CON FE Y ACCIÓN SE GUARDIÁN Y GUARDIANA DE LA CREACIÓN"**

**¡Te invitamos!**  
Participa en las actividades de lanzamiento de la campaña intercontinental

**Lunes 21 Sep.**  
Oración por nuestra hermana Tierra y por sus guardianes

**Miércoles 23 Sep.**  
Conversatorio: Análisis sobre la economía del despojo extractivo

**Viernes 25 Sep.**  
Envío pastoral a celebrar la campaña: Presentación del material.

18:00 Hora Centroamérica  
19:00 Hora México, Ecuador, Perú y Colombia  
20:00 Hora Puerto Rico, República Dominicana, Bolivia y Chile.

Sigue la transmisión por Facebook live: @Red Continental Cristiana por la Paz

#SeGuardianDeLaCreación

**CC CREE, Ecuador International Campaign "With Faith and Action Be Guardian and Guardian of Creation"**

To celebrate the International Day of Peace, the members of CC CREE joined the International Campaign "With Faith and Action Be Guardian and Guardian of Creation" that carried out 3 activities on September 21, with a Prayer for Mother Earth and its guardians, on September 23 with a Conversation: Analysis on the economy of extractive dispossession and on Friday, September 25 with the Pastoral Shipment to celebrate the campaign. The three activities were broadcast on:

**Facebook live @Red Continental Cristiana por la Paz.**

**Círculo de Cooperación Quinara, Venezuela**

**Planting fruit trees and endemic plants**

For this year 2020, the celebration for the International Day of Peace, the members of the CC Quinara proposed on September 21 to plant fruit trees and endemic plants and reorganize their boundaries in their neighborhood, only close members of the people attended Indigenous, due to contagions and quarantine. This activity allowed them to reconnect with their essence and they wanted the participants to work with thoughts of harmony in nature and in all humans of this world. So that the light of nature

guides us in this journey that took us out of the routine and changed our lives as we knew it. Many times we do more outside than in our mucu (land).

This year, CC Quinara has been working with the interaction between children and adults, a day of sharing with oneself and the connection with the natural world. May future generations practice growing their own food and may adults not forget to cultivate these customs in their children.



## CC Los Descendientes de Guatemala

### Mayan Ceremony JUN B'ATZ', Guatemala

(JUN means the beginning of life)

BATZ means time, spirituality, creator of life and wisdom, it is the beginning of intelligence.

On September 21, 2020, the members of the CC Los Descendientes de Guatemala held a spiritual ceremony on the shores of Lake Atitlan with the intention of purifying life and consciousness.

It was celebrated by only 10 people, since due to the pandemic, crowds are not allowed and the rest of the inhabitants of the community were celebrating it in their homes. It was a day to ask for humanity, for crops, for the start of a job, food for those in need, health, conscience and more now to ask for the purification of the path of humanity and that the disease leaves gradually abandoned humanity, that we can start over and renew our existence.



## Círculo de Cooperación Samay, Ecuador

### Cerimônia KULLA RAYMI

It is one of the festivals or RAYMI of the Andean region. KULLA RAYMI is the feast of FEMINITY, it is within the month of September which is the month of WOMEN.

It is the feast of the rites of gratitude because Mother Earth opens his womb to deposit the seed, whose production will feed all who need to eat.

Food sovereignty is the concern and guarantee to achieve material and spiritual PEACE.

A walk was made to take to the Andean table place.

The Andean table is called CHAKANA or Square Cross, it is the organized one of life in the Andean Cosmovision. It is drawn on the

ground with seeds. As part of the Andean Table is the TAYTA YACHAK and the MAMA YACHAK, characters of wisdom from ancestral knowledge.

TAYTA YACHAK, Magister Polivio Chalán and MAMA YACHAK Maria A. Vacacela, who guided the ceremony, generating and sharing energies from the 4 cardinal points. The main authorities carry the staves of COMMAND or TAWNA adorned with colorful flowers that identify them with the commitment and responsibility they have assumed to guide the way of BEING EACH TIME BETTER THAN BEFORE. Then, the act of happiness or complementary dance was performed and then went on the shared food.

## Círculos de Cooperación De Pueblos Indígenas de la Argentina y Comunidad Cósmica, Argentina

### Circular Encounter for Peace, Reflections Dialogues in times of COVID 19

The Circles of Cooperation of Indigenous Peoples of Argentina and the Cosmic Community carried out activities during the week of September 21-27, ending with a ceremony.

During the week they visited the elders of the Community to listen to their voices. The meetings were for the exchange of experiences and proposals on how to overcome this crisis caused by the pandemic. Virtual meetings were also held to celebrate Peace with other religions. The week ended with an Ancestral Ceremony in a sacred place, near a river, with no more than 10 people (as allowed by the government).



### CC Para el Diálogo, Venezuela

#### Radio broadcast for the International Day of Peace

The members of the CC for Dialogue decided to celebrate the International Day of Peace with the transmission of a radio program in which Dr. Enoé Texier, Coordinator of URI Latin America and the Caribbean, and Anthropologist Adriana Reyes, Assistant General of the Regional Coordination of URI and the Global Councilors, Professor Salette Aquino and Francisco Morales, who shared their experience on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue in the Exactly Today program, led by the Buddhist nun Zen Marina Tirado, first contact of the CC Para El Diálogo, who also organized several messages "forging peace together" with the members of all the CCs in the region, throughout the broadcasting from the Community Radio ([www.radiocomunidad.com](http://www.radiocomunidad.com)) during the week of September 21-27.



### CC Mukua, Panama

#### A message of love and hope

This date is celebrated every September 21 with the aim of strengthening the idea of peace among nations. In response to this call, the members of the Mukua CC of Panama made a video with one of their girls transmitting a beautiful message full of love and hope, since due to physical distancing due to the pandemic they will not be able to meet to honor this day. This video was shared on the website and RRSS of URI Latin America and the Caribbean.



## CC CREE, Ecuador

### Virtual Interfaith Meeting

To celebrate the International Day of Peace, the members of the CC CREE held a virtual meeting of all its members in which they shared prayers and interreligious thoughts to honor this celebration. Due to the pandemic, face-to-face meetings are still prohibited, so the best option was to make use of technology and thus maintain the annual tradition of sharing and reinforcing thoughts of peace for all its localities. Victor Rey, CC's first contact, shared these words of peace "The term "peace" appears about a hundred times in the New Testament. By that fact alone, it shows us that it is a concept of fundamental importance for the understanding of the Gospel and the life of the churches. The Scriptures tell us that God is a God of Peace; that Christ is Lord of

Peace. The prophet called the expected Messiah the "Prince of peace"; the fruit of the Spirit of God is peace and living in the Spirit is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. The Gospel of Peace opens the possibility of a new relationship with God, which becomes a reality to the extent that we live in a new relationship with our fellow men. In this community the differences and barriers that separate men are to be overcome: nationalisms, racism, prejudices based on gender differences, a spirit of economic competitiveness, cultural, religious and social differences that contribute to attitudes of superiority on the part of some and of others. inferiority on the part of others. Therefore we can say that peace is at the very heart of the life we live and the message that we Christians proclaim. "

## Día Internacional de la Paz



## CC De La Unidad, La Sanación y La Reconciliación Reborn in Unity

On Monday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Argentina, the members of the CC De La Unidad, La Sanación and La Reconciliation together with other organizations such as the Peace Council of the Republic of Argentina that work in favor of peace and unity held a Zoom meeting to exchange thoughts and prayers that raise the energy frequencies of the world in these uncertain times. May peace prevail on earth!

## CC Fraternidad Interespiritual, México

### II Interfaith Day for Peace

The members of the CC Fraternidad Interspiritual de México participated on September 21 and 22 in the II Interreligious Day for Peace convened by the Undersecretariat of Democratic Development, Social Participation and Religious Affairs of the Government of Mexico, which was broadcast live, via Facebook since face-to-face meetings are not allowed due to the pandemic. More than ten panelists and about 160 spectators were present.





## CC Círculo LatinoAmericano de Músicos

### Musical Celebration for the International Day of Peace

For the celebration of the International Day of Peace, Gerardo Ochoa from Mexico, Andrea Maria from Venezuela and Moreno Overá from Brazil recorded and filmed the song No Soy de Aquí, by the Argentine singer Facundo Cabral as a valuable example that art heals and brings peace and harmony to all human beings.

## CC Uri Borborema, Brasil

### Forming peace together

Uri Borborema and the Paraíba Religious Diversity Forum, along with TV UEPB, held a live conversation about the International Day of Peace, which this year brought the theme: Forming peace together. The virtual meeting was attended by religious representatives and important social actors, to talk about their socio-cultural work and send a message of peace to the world.



PALESTRANTES	
	Dra. Dagmar Ramos psiquiatra, consteladora
	Zenaide Luz advogada, pedagoga Reikiana
	Mônica Freire Inst. Mindfulness
	Mônica Souza Pastora
	Eliane Silva Pedagoga Xamã
	Gregor Kux Eco-Ativista
	Idário Filho ABREPAZ
	Edgar do Carmo Professor, EcoVila Vale do Eden
	Ernesto Guardiões do meia ponte

## CC Uri Goiás

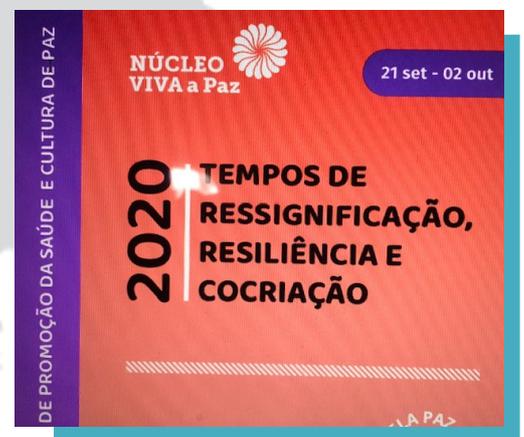
### Connection with Peace

On September 24, URI-Goiás held an online event to celebrate the International Day of Peace, among the participants were Salette Aquino, our Global Counselor, and Elianildo Nascimento, member of CC Brasília. The event also featured 9 speakers from different traditions representing interfaith diversity in dialogue.

## CC Campinas

### Times of resignification, resilience and co-creation

CC Campinas, along with other groups, began on September 25 the XI Regional Seminar on Health Promotion and Culture of Peace, promoted by Núcleo VIVA by holding an interreligious meeting to reflect on the theme of this year's 2020 seminar - Times of resignification, resilience and co-creation: the view of the various manifestations of faith.



## International Day for Peace Celebration

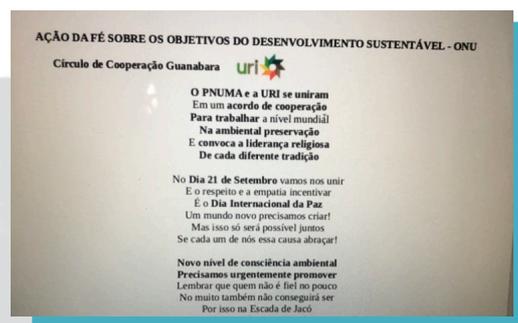
To commemorate the International Day of Peace, CC UNISOES celebrated with an online event of five moments, a conference that addressed the theme Disarming the Heart to Disarm the Gesture, a testimony that narrates the experience of UNISOES on the path of Peace, a meditation special for Paz, then a presentation with music and mantras, and a closing with a general meditation.



## CC Guanabara

### Faith Actions on the Sustainable Development Goals - UN

To celebrate the International Day of Peace, the members of CC Guanabara prepared a poem, in the form of a thread to spread among online groups the need to strengthen the culture of peace and remember the importance of environmental preservation and draw attention to the Climate issue.



## CC Brasilia

### Forming peace together

On September 21, CC URI Brasilia, together with Mogauma and the 10 x 10 initiative, held a special event to celebrate the International Day of Peace, the theme of their special time of prayer for the planet, which has been held daily. The UN proposal TO FORM PEACE TOGETHER followed, each participant had one to two minutes to share their reflection on What concrete actions lead to peace today? Those who wanted shared a prayer for peace.

## CC Constructores de Puentes, Argentina

### Virtual Training Workshops for Young People

With the support of the KAICIID Fellow Program, the members of the CC Builders of Bridges designed and are developing three training workshops, with tools to work in the Interreligious Dialogue for young people between 14 and 25 years old. The virtual workshops began on Wednesday, September 16, with a duration of two hours and will be held on the third Wednesday of the next months: October and November. These spaces will deepen on Identity, Diversity and Dialogue. In the first edition, 33

young people from the following traditions participated: Africanist, Agnostic, Buddhist (Sokka Gakkai and Zen), Christianity (Baptist, Catholic, Evangelical), Hinduism, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Islam, Judaism, Native Peoples, Paraguay and South Africa. The young people were very enthusiastic, as some expressed that they had never been exposed to an inter-religious dialogue. The facilitators were young people who had participated in the Program before and who shared their knowledge from their previous experience.

