

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



URI is composed of 64 Cooperation Circles in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The work includes cultural, social, religious diversity and the great teachings of indigenous worldviews.

Every year on September 21, the International Day of Peace is celebrated around the world. The General Assembly declared this date as the day dedicated to strengthening the ideals of peace through the observance of 24-hour nonviolence and ceasefire.

However, achieving true peace involves much more than laying down arms. It requires building societies in which all its members feel they can develop. It's about creating a world in which all people are treated equally, regardless of race.

While conflicts continue to erupt around the world, forcing many people to flee, we have also seen incidents of discrimination and racism at the borders.

We all have a role to play in promoting peace. And the fight against racism is crucial to that.

Let's work together to dismantle the structures that root racism in our environments. Celebrate peace. We will support movements fighting for equality and human rights and denounce hate speech, both online and offline. Let us rebuild trust and social cohesion through education and restorative justice.

In this year of 2023, URI Latin America and the Caribbean unites the celebration of the International Day of Peace with the theme: "Your voice, your peace" through various actions carried out by our Cooperation Circles with children, youth, women and wise men from each of their localities with an effort to expand consciences in the world. On this occasion, CCS members from Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela came together to share a message of PEACE for all, without distinction, in favor of unity and respect for human rights.

VAZU BANDHU CC Fraternidad Interespiritual. Mexico



"Hello, I am Vasu Bandhu, Buddhist monk; and I join the Campaign: his voice, his peace.

For the recognition and awareness of human rights.

Wishing all people to live in harmony, peace and happiness.

May we all learn to recognize human rights, love each other and may all diverse religions unite for the common good."



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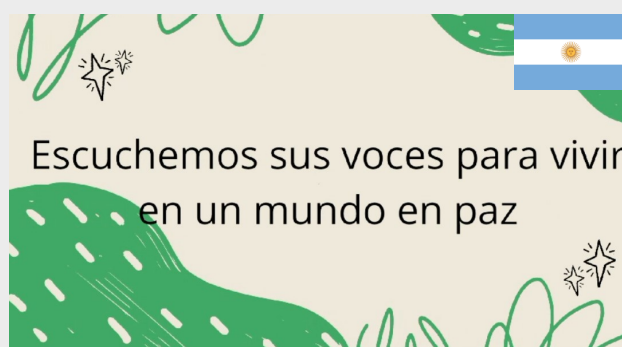
CC COEMATI-JUJUY. Argentina

“Let's listen to their voices to live in a world of peace

Their voices...their peace

We are all humans with different tastes, that's how life made us.

In the framework of the International Day of Peace”.



**En el marco del día internacional de la Paz.
CC COEMATI - JUJUY - ARGENTINA**

MONSEÑOR SEBASTIAN CAMACHO CC Confraternidad Religiosa del Uruguay



“Dear brothers and sisters, friends, a new September 21 international day of peace, summons us, calls us, exhorts us to work together for that Peace, that Peace that is not only the absence of war but is the peace that springs of justice, is the full enjoyment of human rights and above all focusing on those of our brothers who suffer from the absence of peace and the violation of rights, and we find women, girls, displaced women, those who are refugees, people living with HIV, the disabled, those who suffer sexual exploitation and it is for them that we must commit ourselves on this September 21 to work with all our strength with all our lives for a world of Peace and justice”.

May Peace prevail on Earth

SALETTE AQUINO Global Trustee

“What is Peace?”

One of the things is to sleep in a place that is protected, that does not get wet and that is safe.

A few days ago I accompanied a camp of indigenous women from all over Brazil, here in Brasilia, very precarious...

Don't they deserve to be treated with dignity?

I ask the God of all names to inspire us to solidarity to generate Peace”.



YELITZA RANGEL CC Quineroes, Lagunilla. Merida-Venezuela



“In our indigenous communities we have implemented working with children from love and with love. We teach both females and males to respect their bodies just as we respect nature, in such a way that by loving, knowing and respecting the processes that occur, they can say no to abuse, no to people who want to physically, mentally or spiritually exceed themselves. to abuse the values that we have built with so much love.

All adults are responsible not only to avoid pregnancy in girls and adolescents but also to avoid diseases such as HIV and others, which do not allow us to enjoy as adults with our families.”

May Peace prevail on Earth

SUSANA BELLO CC UNAKITA, Buenos Aires. Argentina

“On September 21 we are celebrating Peace Day, Peace begins with me, it begins in my heart, in my mind, in my way of seeing life.

To join this awakening of conscience, of unity so that peace is real and spreads more and more... May we think about supporting all those women who are in refugee camps, those exploited girls, the people who are separated due to some disability or HIV, that we make this world a place of inclusion, that we stop playing and be one with everything.

May Peace begin with me and Peace also begin with you; and may we all truly be one.

Happy day of peace”.



ROSA DELIA QUIZPE Global Trustee



“We raise our voices as brothers so that together we generate the values of respect, love and peace for the entire world

It is urgent to save the situation of many brothers who live moments of violence, frustrations, to heal and be able to move towards the future.

Thank you brothers for starting this work

Love you very much”

May Peace prevail on Earth

HECTOR CRUZ TORRES CC FEMAS. El Salvador

“On this occasion we want to send greetings and call on all the organizations that fight for the good of others, so that our rights are not violated.

First of all we want to address, today, September 21, when we celebrate the International Day of Peace; As a cooperation group, we would like, first of all, for the peace of God to be in the hearts of all human beings.

And at this moment we send a cry for help for freedom, for all the children and for all the women whose rights have been violated, who have not had a voice, who have not been heard.

We want to refer, perhaps to Ukraine, where there are children who have unfortunately lost their lives, where there are women and entire families who have lost their lives through no fault of their

own, and that is how it is in the regime, that is how it is in war, innocent people die and in the end no one answers for it

That is why we join all the organizations that fight for peace and we want to send a special greeting to all those who have the opportunity to see this video, tell them that we from here in El Salvador are bearers of Peace and we want it to be listen to all those countries that are at war, in communism, so that one day we can live in communion and that we all have peace

Thank you so much”



YANINA ARIAS TOYA CC YAKU-YURA. Argentina



“On this special day, International Day of Peace, we want to join the silenced voices of our sisters who are around the world and especially those who are refugees and are victims of violence and crimes from which they cannot defend themselves.

From our community we always wish for a world without racism, without poverty, without discrimination and above all without exclusion

From here we support you with our greatest power, which is our connection with our mother earth and we hope that you can raise your voices and from here we accompany you

Thank you so much”

MARINA / ADRIANA CC PARA EL DIALOGO. Venezuela

"I am Marina Chingy Tirado, she is a Zen Buddhist member of the Circle of Cooperation for Dialogue in Caracas Venezuela.

Adriana Irazábaldor is Catholic and practices Zen meditation.

Today, on the International Day of Peace, we invite you to practice mental calm through meditation.

Here, on the International Day of Peace, I want to remember that this word should not be applied just one day, it must be applied every day and I am aware that we must embrace and respect the differences between us.

Happy Day of Peace"



International day of PEACE - Brazil

CC Fé-Menina

Annually CC members hold a meditation to celebrate the International Day of PEACE, considered the largest global meditation for peace takes place on September 21. There have been more than 1 million people vibrating simultaneously, with more than 500 meditations online! Can you imagine the strength of this collective? Brahma Kumaris Brazil, through a meditation with the national coordinator Luciana M. S. Ferraz, is part of this global vibration.

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In the International Day of Peace, members of CC Brasilia participate in the Act for PEACE that tuvo place in the Federal Senate of Brazil, the act seeks to create awareness about the importance of respecting the diversity so that we can establish a lasting peace and truth.



*Londrina Pazeando always innovating in 2023 and in the twenty-third year of its history, we were be able to invite friends from other Cities, States and Countries to come to Londrina Embracing the Lake for Peace. WITH MUCH LOVE and the desire for Peace, we helded for the first time in Londrina the **12th Hug at Lake for Peace – VIRTUAL** (it was in 2020) and*

*it was such a success that we instead adopted a hybrid version, that is, the in-person and virtual hug **participants were able to place their AVATAR**. And for those from outside of Londrina, a chance to finally participate with us. **15th Hug at Lake for Peace VIRTUAL** and also with **LIVE** and guests from here and abroad , and people there at the moment of the hug “going on”.*

CC CREE. Ecuador

Today, September 21, 23 people from seven different religions gathered at the Peace Bell in La Carolina Park to Commemorate the International Day of Peace.

We had a time of one hour to pray, meditate, read, sing and reflect on Peace, Non-Violence and harmonious coexistence in diversity. At the end of the event we all recited the Peace Prayer of Francis of Assisi.

We ended up ringing the Peace Bell seven times.

And we hug and greet each other, giving each other peace for our lives, community, for the city of Quito and Latin America.

It did us all good to share this time of rich spirituality, koinonia, and friendship.

We left with a lot of hope and convinced that peace is possible and with many desires to meet again under the sky of Quito.

Many said at the end that it was a mystical and magical moment.

This event was organized by The Community of Ecological Reflection and Spirituality (CREE), member of URI, in Quito, Ecuador.



CC TEUSAQUILLO. COLOMBIA

The members of CC Teusaquillo participated in the interreligious meeting that took place on September 21, 2023 to celebrate and make visible the International Day of Peace.

***The Special Family Commission of the CDLR and the District Council for Peace, Reconciliation, Coexistence and Conflict Transformation, celebrated in an act of fraternity and Interregional dialogue in the "Multidenominational Room": "International Day of Peace" 2023. ***



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