



**World Interfaith
Harmony Week**
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World Interfaith Harmony Week

Each year, the World Interreligious Harmony Week invites us to take a conscious pause to remember that, amidst our spiritual, cultural and territorial differences, there is a common language able to unite us: the language of peace, of respect and human dignity.

Letters of Harmony were born in this spirit. It is a collective initiative that transcends borders, beliefs, and cultures through simple yet profoundly meaningful gestures. In this chain of messages, the Cooperation Circles (CC) of URI Latin America and the Caribbean share brief words of peace inspired by their own spiritualities, cosmovisions, and cultural traditions, and send them as an act of trust and connection to another CC. Thus, each letter becomes a bridge: between communities, between stories, between diverse ways of understanding the sacred and coexistence itself.

These letters are not just written words. They are seeds of dialogue, act of mutual recognition, and living expressions of interfaith harmony in action. As they circulate from hand to hand —and from heart to heart— they build a symbolic network that reflects our communities' daily commitment to peace, justice, and cooperation.

The *Letters of Harmony* gathered in this newsletter form a mosaic of intertwined voices that can transform into a global digital collage: a collective memory testifying that diversity does not separate us but enriches everyone, when we choose to meet from a place of respect and shared hope.

May these words inspire new dialogues, strengthen our bonds, and remind us that interfaith harmony is not just an annual celebration, but a daily practice, built from small gestures, sincere messages, and the constant willingness to walk together.

May Peace prevail on Earth



Cartas de ARMONÍA

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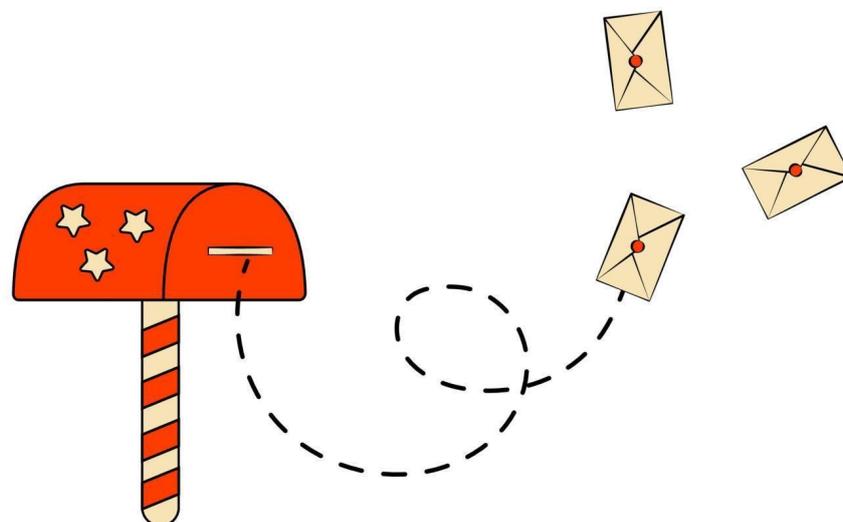
Sonríó CC to Quineroes CC

Dear Yelitza,

Playing is our flag, joy is our way of connecting with the universe, and gratitude is our emblem. Between CC Sonríó, the serious clowns, and CC Quineroes, there is only love to give and to be received.

We are united by our passion for a better world and by our commitment to being activists for peace and harmony. Today, we greet you with our red nose in an endless embrace, because we can build bridges to reach every heart. A bridge where each of us walks knowing we are not alone, knowing that we are united and intertwined with the same purpose and the same goal. We are a source of love and joy; we are Quineroa and Sonríó perpetuating spiritual harmony. There are no barriers, only bonds of siblinghood.

Susana Bello



Quinaroos CC to Samay CC

Dear Ruth,

Motivated by the World Interfaith Harmony Week, we would like to send words of gratitude to our brothers of Samay CC, with whom we have shared during online and in-person meetings. They always grant us the gift of their love and their loving teachings, which allow us to reflect about how we are working, and if our purpose is guided by love.

Both the youths and the elders always have words of encouragement, and their actions and presence allow us to feel that the connection with our Ancestors is a reason for celebration.

They always work for improvements to their people and, most important, despite all the vicissitudes they went through, love always fills their hearts. There are no reproaches, there is only good work made from loving place. There are no complaints, there are kind hands that come together to make what is even more than necessary, because they know that the work always rewards. From the conquest until now, they have seen hope on the horizon, creating bonds for learning. Respectful dialogue has allowed them to live in harmony. Therefore every time you sit down to talk or to listen to them, no matter how sleepy or tired you are, it will fade, because their melodious voices will take you through their stories and life experiences, that you will bring you life. And then you will understand that they are very special people, with the search for collective well-being as their premise.

We suggest that you don't skip the "get to know them" stage, nor those moments of conversation. May nature continue to fill you with long healthy living for everyone in the CC and their beloved.

Yelitza Rangel



Samay CC to Ultramare CC

Dear Val Vuela and María Daniella, dear Ultramare family,

Receive a fraternal and hopeful greeting from the Samay Ecuador Cooperation Circle. With deep joy and gratitude, we raise our prayers to celebrate the World Interreligious Harmony Week and to join this beautiful “Letters of Harmony” initiative, which allows us to connect hearts beyond borders, beliefs, and cultures. From my Christian spiritual tradition, I firmly believe in the power of Jesus' love and its transformative capacity manifested in our lives. I wholeheartedly hope that God will allow me to continue being an active part of a generation of light, in the midst of a world wounded by despair. We know it is not a simple task, but we also believe that small, constant, and faithful acts – like a drop of water – can generate unexpected and profound changes. We thank URI for opening these spaces for encounter and cooperation, which encourage us to continue working for peace in our territories. Today, we want to encourage you to continue this path of transformation, remembering that true impact happens when we move from words to action, when we set aside differences and decide to act on behalf of those who need it the most, especially those who cannot raise their voices to be heard. The Scriptures remind us: “You will be called ‘Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Ruined Dwellings’” (Isaiah 58:12). We believe this promise becomes reality when we sow in hearts, when we work together not only to respond to a specific need, but to foster a transformed mind and life. With love, unity, and commitment, we can achieve much more. From CC Samay Ecuador, we send our prayers and blessings to the entire URI family and, in particular, to the Ultramare Cooperation Circle of Venezuela. We encourage you to persevere in the arduous and valuable work you do. Let us continue walking in siblinghood, being a light in the midst of a world marked by evil, but where those of us who yearn for peace are the majority.

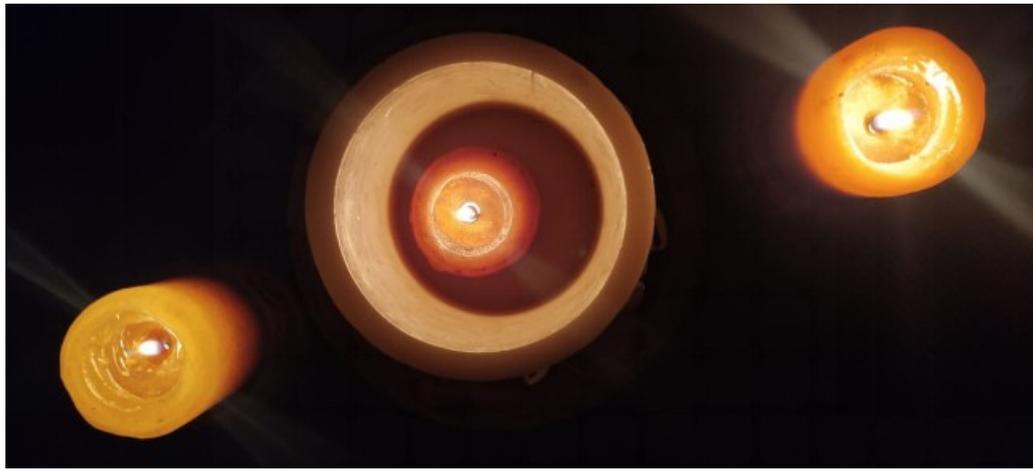
With affection and hope, we embrace you in siblinghood,

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Ruth Angamarca

Samay Ecuador Cooperation Circle URI – United Religions Initiative





Ultramare CC to Sonríó CC

Dear Susana,

The sowers of smiles siblinghood.
Those of us who water smiles, with values, with love,
We know that we are all great sowers.
We know the power of joy, the magic of laughter
And we chose this path, the path of healers.
Tales and colors heal.
The nose of a crazy clown heals.
The adventures of puppets and songs with powerful messages heal.
The simple act of dreaming, of opening your heart and loving heals.
A hug and a visit heal, knowing you are well accompanied.
The sowers of smiles change the world, they create it differently, they craft it with their art,
with their intention.
We are boys and girls, fairies, little witches, and wizards.
Thank you, thank you, thank you for building this better world.

Val Vuela

Unakita CC to Generación de Luz CC

Dear Erinson,

We are united by the same love, in different beliefs. We are united by being sure that we want to become siblings. We know that no distance can prevent us from embracing each other and spreading the message of peace we preach. Let us celebrate that every day is our day, let us celebrate that life is a party, and that we hold each other in our hearts. The world thirsts for harmony and unity, and the same universe illuminates us, regardless of race or creed, so that we may grow, carrying our message of peace and love.

We are Unakita and we are Generation of Light because we are ONE in the Consciousness of Unity.

Susana Bello



Generación de Luz CC to Unakita CC

Dear Unakita CC,

It is a great pleasure to greet you from Venezuela. My name is Erinson de Jesús Bustamante (Eidō, in my tradition) and I practice Soto Zen Buddhism. I work as a psychologist and psychodramatist committed to social causes and nonviolence, drawing on my own personal, family, and social history.

I am a great admirer of the work you do for the mental health of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and your efforts to promote peace through this practice in your beautiful country of Argentina, which I had the pleasure of visiting a few years ago and which captivated me. I hope to return soon. It is a large, diverse country with many complexities. I am convinced that your contribution benefits all beings and also our region.

I give you thanks because your work and you being part of URI are a concrete and everyday example of living in religious harmony, which is always so necessary. Unfortunately, hatred, war, divisions, and prejudices often are born in people's hearts with religious justifications, and it causes great harm and devastation. What you do undoubtedly goes in a different direction and generates great transformations. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

To paraphrase some texts from my tradition:

Let us go together, brothers, to beyond the beyond.

May all beings be happy,

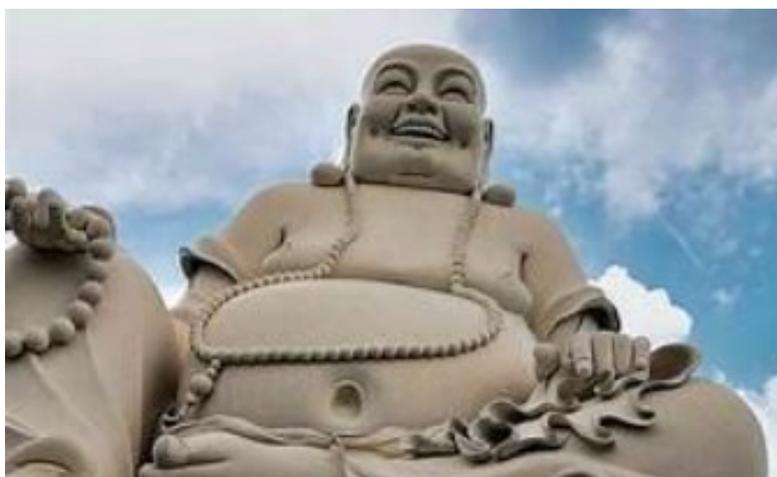
May all beings be blessed,

May all beings live in peace.

I greet you with my hands together, wishing you all the best.

A big hug from my heart to yours

Erinson Bustamante





Nacional Hondureño CC to Los Descendientes de Guatemala CC

Dear Sister Evelyn and brothers of the CC,

My name is Helen Gutiérrez from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and I am part of the Honduran National Cooperation Circle, where we are united in different religious expressions and spirituality of indigenous peoples, such as the Lencas and the Miskitu of Honduras.

In our country, it is new that different religions and indigenous spirituality can come together to carry out various activities for the common good, for the defense of our mother Earth, and for violence prevention among young people.

I share this experience with you, an experience of respect and continuous learning among us, and of fostering participation between young people and adults. I wish you PEACE, that kind of peace that surpasses all understanding and that only God can fill us with, so that we may bear one another's burdens.

A big hug to our brothers, from Honduras,

Helen



Los Descendientes de Guatemaya CC to Jóvenes de La Paz de Honduras CC

Dear young people of Youth for Peace of Honduras CC:

Receive fraternal greetings from the mountains and lake of Sololá, Guatemala. We are writing to you from the Descendants of Guatemaya organization, where we walk alongside young people, leaders, and communities to strengthen peace, dignity, and respect among all peoples.

From our Mayan cosmovision, we believe in the balance between heart, mind, and community. We believe that harmony is born when we remember that we are part of the same earth, the same sky, and the same fire that gives us life.

Today, we raise an intention for you: May your steps be firm, may your words build bridges, and may your leadership sow hope where there is division.

May Ajaw, the creative energy, guide you with wisdom, and may the youth of our peoples continue to weave peace among cultures, religions, and territories.

From Guatemala, we walk with you.

With respect and affection,

Evelyn Palax

Descendants of Guatemaya
Sololá, Guatemala.



Jóvenes de La Paz de Honduras CC to Confraternidad Religiosa del Uruguay CC

Dear Monsignor Sebastián,

We, sons and daughters of the Lenca people, heirs to a millenary history, of ancestral wisdom and profound respect for Mother Earth, proclaim this Interfaith and Intercultural Letter of Harmony as a commitment to peaceful coexistence, mutual respect, and unity among all peoples and beliefs.

We recognize that cultural and spiritual diversity is wealth, that strengthens our identity as a nation and as a community. In our territory, different expressions of faith, thoughts, and traditions coexist, which, far from separating us, invite us to sincere dialogue, tolerance, and solidarity.

We affirm that all beliefs that promote love, justice, peace, and respect for life and nature deserve to be valued. We reject all forms of discrimination, violence, or oppression based on religion, culture, origin, or way of thinking.

As the Lenca people, we reaffirm our sacred connection to the Earth, the water, the forests, and the spirits that give us life. We invite all religions and cultures to walk together in defense of life, of human dignity and balance with nature.

We commit ourselves to educating new generations in the values of intercultural respect, interfaith dialogue, historical memory, and love for our identity, to build a future in which peace and harmony are a living reality.

May this letter be a call for unity, understanding, and fraternal coexistence among all peoples, beliefs, and cultures that inhabit our territory.

Signed with respect, hope, and collective responsibility,

Donatila

Lenca People

For life, for peace, and for cultural and spiritual harmony.





Confraternidad Religiosa del Uruguay CC to Brasilia CC

Dear Elianildo,

The Religious Fraternity of Uruguay CC sends you, as “Letters of Harmony”, a excerpt from the book “Embrace the World – Embracist Thought” written by Monsignor Sebastián Camacho Betancur.

LOVE EMBRACE God is Love Embrace, a love that knows no exceptions. A love that is not governed by human criteria and cannot be compared to anything worldly. God is embrace, and in His deep and eternal embrace, He transforms human existence, leading it to its full essence. The Embrace knows no human discrimination; it is guided by the hope that knowing the original eternity of all humankind brings. The Embrace is painful, for the barbs of our brothers and sisters pierce our deepest being. But, resisting this pain, we must draw them even closer to our hearts to transform their enslavement into absolute freedom. The Embrace does not fear Death; rather, Death appears along the way.

It resurrects her with the blood shed from generous human arms. The Embrace does not select, nor classify, it simply embraces until death, and beyond. Montevideo, 2008.

“Embrace the World – Embracist Thought”

Sebastián Camacho Betancur

<https://pensamientoabracista.blogspot.com/>

URI Brasilia CC to Generación de Luz CC

Dear Arjuna,

Your name, inspired by the central character along with Mr. Krishna, from the Bhagavad Gita, the sacred text for Hindus, recalls the dilemma we all have as souls and beings, represented by the doubts we possess when facing our fears, our incapacities, as well as the uncertainties of life, which, when presented to the divine, to the sacred, gain meanings that fill the uncertainties and strengthen the spirit to face, often, the monsters or ghosts that we ourselves create.

The youth have the power to point to the future, to build the new, always with the power, the strength and the courage that sometimes the older ones lack. However, among these, the experience given by the longevity of life must be considered, so that, in this interreligious life, of dialogue and coexistence with diversity, it is wise to unite the strength and desire to build and innovate, typical of youth, with the wisdom and knowledge of the more experienced – wisdom that we can also apply to our lives, always being open to the new, confident and with faith, focused on the duty of creating our future, with the awareness that we have a responsibility to our future humanity.

With hope, I wish that this generation of light, inspired by good, kindness, solidarity and love, may prevail in the face of adversity, being a beacon, an example that inspires others in the construction of peace and true humanity.

Eliavildo da Silva Nascimento

Global Trustee



Generación de Luz CC to Campinas CC

Dear Salette and to anyone else who needs to hear it:

I'm sending this message hoping it finds you in the best of circumstances, although I imagine that, like me, you're dealing with challenges and difficulties that are taking you from your well-being and peace. Don't worry, we're all going through this. I'd like to share a bit of the philosophy I'm connected to: I've always wanted to create a better world. I've seen the suffering of friends and family, and my desire to help and take actions with a positive impact on the world hasn't diminished. That was the reason my father guided me into understanding the soul. He made me realize that this body we inhabit isn't who we truly are, but rather that we are beings of light, and that our original state is peace, to which we must return through our actions. I've been in this life long enough to say that few things are as difficult as maintaining inner peace in such a chaotic world. I've tried everything to soothe the anxieties that gnaw at my heart, and I can say, without any doubt, that my father is right: we are beings of light, and the true way to find our essence of peace is to connect with that light and be honest with ourselves. I know there are so many problems out there that peace seems impossible, but it is, and it begins with oneself. The key to finding it is love; having empathy for oneself is vital to improving this world. So, if I can ask you anything, it's to be kind to yourself. I assure you that life improves when we treat ourselves with the love we deserve. I'm sending you a huge hug wherever you are.

With love,

Arju

Joven BK



Campinas CC to Nacional Hondureño CC

Dear Helen,

How wonderful to be able to write to you directly! Perhaps we met in person when I was in Honduras in July 2024. I was there for a transition meeting organized by the URI Latin America & Caribbean Coordination with the Trustees who were leaving the Council and those who were joining. One day, we visited our URI brothers and sisters who were participating in the Central American Indigenous Meeting.

Anyway, let me briefly introduce myself: I was born in northeastern Brazil, but when I was four years old, in 1961, I moved to the then newly inaugurated capital of the country. I lived in Brasília for 20 years, then moved to the state of São Paulo, where I lived for 38 years, returning to Brasília six years ago. I have two children and a seven-year-old grandson.

My history with URI began in 2000, when its Charter of Principles was completed after five years of development. I read this charter and fell in love with it, using it as the basis for all interfaith action. I was able to help found a Circle of Cooperation in Campinas in 2002. I belonged to the URI Global Council from 2018 to 2024. I am part of several other CCs, such as WIN, which is a CC whose members are women from different countries. You are invited to participate if you wish! There is also a CC for women in Brazil, CC FÉ MENINA. I belong to the CC of Musicians of America, two environmental CCs—Environmental CC and HIVE. I also collaborate with CC Brasília.

As you well know, URI operates in 14 areas. Four years ago, we joined forces with six other entities and founded the ECUMENICAL WATER NETWORK, which is spearheading the 100,000 Youth for Water movement. This element, which is a DIVINE GIFT, a COMMON GOOD, and a HUMAN RIGHT, is my greatest concern. I would like to take this opportunity to ask how the water situation is in Honduras, as well as to hear from you about your work at URI. My WhatsApp number is below, to facilitate communication.

Warm regards!

Salette

Tel. 55 19 992764413



Constructores de Puentes CC to Murilpaz CC

Dear brothers and sisters of Murilpaz CC (Honduras),

Here is a fraternal greeting in the joy of Christ. I address you as a representative of the Bridge Builders CC, but also as a philosophy professor and a layperson of the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman faith, with the desire to share a brief reflection on the foundation of our common mission.

As men and women of faith, our compass is Jesus' command: "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34). This precept is not merely a feeling, but an ontological truth that, from an Aristotelian-Thomistic perspective, reminds us that human beings are, by nature, social and relational beings. We do not achieve our fulfillment in isolation, but in openness to the "other."

Inspired by the intellectual charity of Antonio Rosmini and the noble utopia of Saint Thomas More, I dream of a world where Truth is not used to divide, but to illuminate the path to encounter. For us, utopia is not the impossible, but the necessary horizon that guides our actions toward the Common Good.

Today, otherness presents itself as a unavoidable urgency. Recalling the legacy of Fathers Daniel Castellani and Santiago Alberione, we understand that time is a sacred gift for communication. Father Alberione urged us to use every means to bring light; today, this "means" is interfaith dialogue. Deeply knowing one another does not weaken our Catholic identity; on the contrary, it strengthens it by putting into practice the charity that recognizes the dignity of our neighbor as the image of God.

May this Harmony Week be a reminder that we are artisans of peace, called to build bridges of understanding where the world erects walls.

I remain at your complete disposal in prayer and study.

Fraternally,

Prof. Mauricio Rodríguez

Constructores de Puentes CC



Murilpaz CC to Constructores de Puentes CC

Dear Mauricio,

Our Murilpaz CC in HONDURAS, we Indigenous women are RESILIENT to climate change and structural changes in our environments in the territory. Our struggles, for the defense of our common goods, have marked us with the physical absence of many comrades, whose lives have been taken from us, as is the case of our BERTA ISABEL CACERES, whose poem I send here, almost 10 years already after her departure.

Berta

"It hasn't stopped raining since you left."

"Old man," she would sometimes call me,
"Look, old man, get your act together, this is tough."
"Brother, stop messing around,"
she would tell me other times,
"Don't mess around, mate, we have to step it up,
this is messed up."

Summoned by water
Pachamama blooming
Ancestral spirits by your side

Estuary and River at the
confluence of waters, the
detonating fire
tore your skin, the pain
irreversible thorn cutting
into your infinite
heart, from a people
of an entire continent.
The March equinox
awaits you.

Look at us,
at the epicenter of your
energy,
here,
where words hurt us,
where when we pronounce
you a sea of light floods each
body transformed into the
offspring of your struggles,
of your rebellions that are

Bertas today.

And sow peace. It is not
possible in our hearts when
the company of our female
leaders is taken from us.
Forward, forward. For the
struggle is constant.

Margarita Pineda



Yacu Yura CC to Caminhos da Terra CC

Dear Isabel,

From the Yacu Yura Cooperation Circle, in communion with URI, we send this message of peace to the Caminhos da Terra Cooperation Circle in Brazil. A path that honors Water and Life, I raise my voice in the name of the Comechingona community of Cordoba.

We come from the Earth and to the Water we return. The water of our rivers flows as a living blessing of the lands, carrying memory, healing, and unity among our peoples.

Our ancestral memory reminds us that there is no peace without respect, no future without care, no humanity without a sacred bond with nature.

Under the protection of the carob tree, sacred tree of our people, which teaches deep roots, shared shade and food for all, we call for a peace that is born from the recognition of the other, a peace that does not erase differences, but honors them, a peace that listens, that heals, that unites.

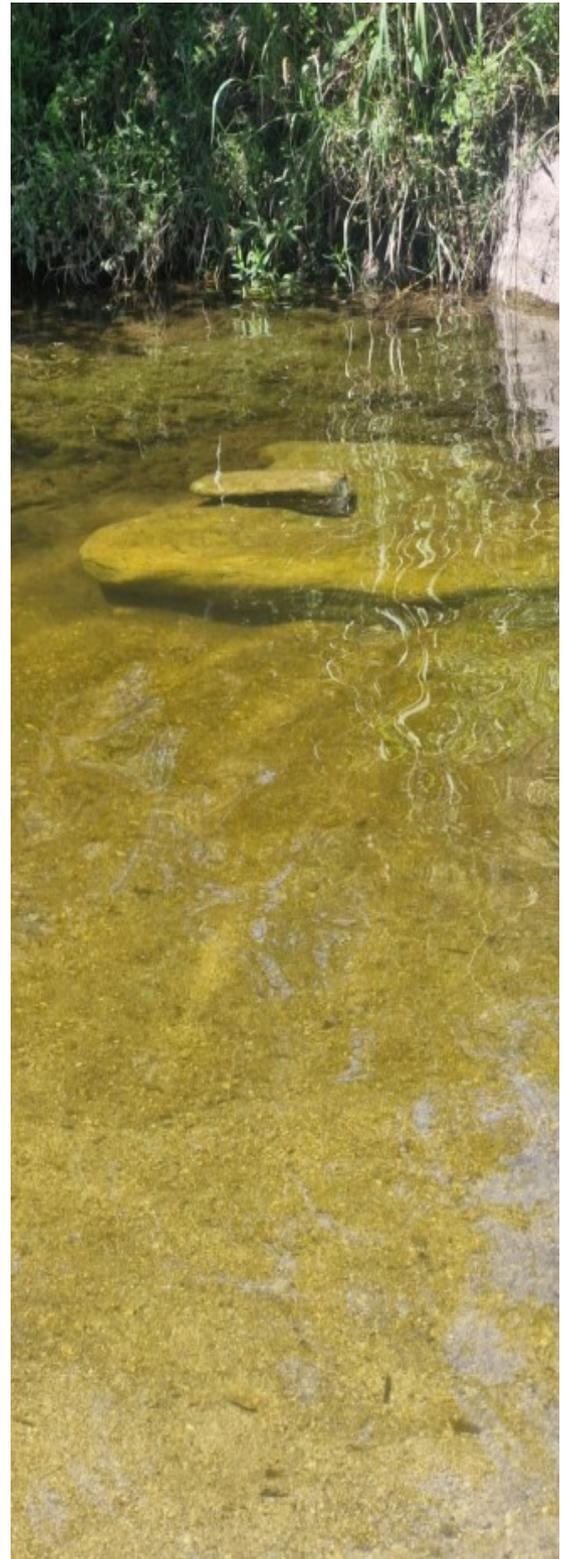
Let the people walk without imposing themselves.

Let beliefs engage in dialogue without harming one another.

May Water continue to be a source of life and not of disputes.

May the Earth be a territory of encounter and not of conquest.

From the ancestral heart of Cordoba, we extend this word as an offering: peace among peoples, peace among religions, peace with the Earth.



Yanina Arias Toya

Yacu Yura CC Comechingona Community – Córdoba,
Argentina



América Latina & El Caribe

Caminhos da Terra CC to Generación de Luz CC and Urisol CC

Dear José E,

My name is Isabel Cristina Medeiros and I am the coordinator of the Cooperation Circle Earth Pathways, from Goiânia, Goiás, Brazil. I got extremely happy to be able to contact you and all the members of your cooperation circle. It's wonderful to know that young people are reuniting for peace and love!

I bring here an activation of Whole Love... which I understand is of great importance for all of us who inhabit the planet at this moment.

Our Cooperation Circle seeks to work with art, raising awareness and spirituality, and we do this through exhibitions, courses and art workshops, through videos on these topics on my YouTube channel, and through the NGO Paws Touch, where we try to raise awareness about environmental education in a society that still believes itself to be superior to animals, and following the tradition of matrilineal shamanism, the sacred feminine and galactic shamanism, respecting and honoring all the peoples from the universe.

The path to whole love is deliverance.

Only through love and art will we reach the well-being of humanity.

I hope this message reaches you, transmitting this energy and giving strength and light to the path you travel each day.

¡Ahho!

Activation of Whole Love

Isabel Cris. – 12/14/2021

It is of the love that fits within me that I speak now.

It is of the love that enters me that I speak now.

It is of the love that invades and covers me that I speak now.

It is of the love that cuts pain off and transforms it into harmony that I speak now.

It is of the love that is whole and moves windmills along the way that I speak now.

It is of the path that opens before me and is covered in light that I speak now.

It is of the truth of being who I am that I speak now.

It is being as I am that is only love that I speak now.

The whole love that I think cannot fit within me surprises me, because I am the universe and in love the universe fits.

It is this simple to see, perceive and feel that love is everything and the whole and that everything and everyone is anchored in this love, only sometimes in forgetfulness even by the pain that consumes them.

Now, I activate the cells of love in all those who may be asleep.

Under the divine grace of Uriel and his commanders, I activate the cells of love that seem lost and forgotten in each of us.

I activate the cells of love in me, in you, and in all of us.

I activate the cells of love that fit within me. I activate the cells of love that invade the light, that spread strength, and that emanate peace in every being in the universe.

I activate the cells of love in all the waters, in all the earth, in all the fire, and in all the air.

I activate the cells of love in every volcano, in every hurricane, in every flood.

And so it is.

I activate the cells of love in my being. I activate the cells of love in my bones, in my muscles, in my veins, in my organs, in my hands, in my heart.

I activate the cells of love in my mind, so that it shines when receiving new ideas and opens the way for new actions.

I activate the cells of love in my body so that it moves with agility, joy, lightness, and full health.

I activate the cells of love in my emotions, so that they may be serene and strong, deep and calm.

I activate the cells of love in my spirit-self that guides each step, so that clarity may arrive stronger and more lucid each day.

I activate in myself the healing self that gets stronger on the path of the planetary mission.

I activate in myself the cells of love that activate peace throughout the planet. One by one.

And all of us.

¡Ahho!

Namasté

Isabel Crism

13/12/2021 - GIFT FROM THE UNIVERSE TO THE UNIVERSE. AND SO IT IS.
Gratitude. EIRÁH. Galactic Guardian accompanying me... Through Eones and Eones.

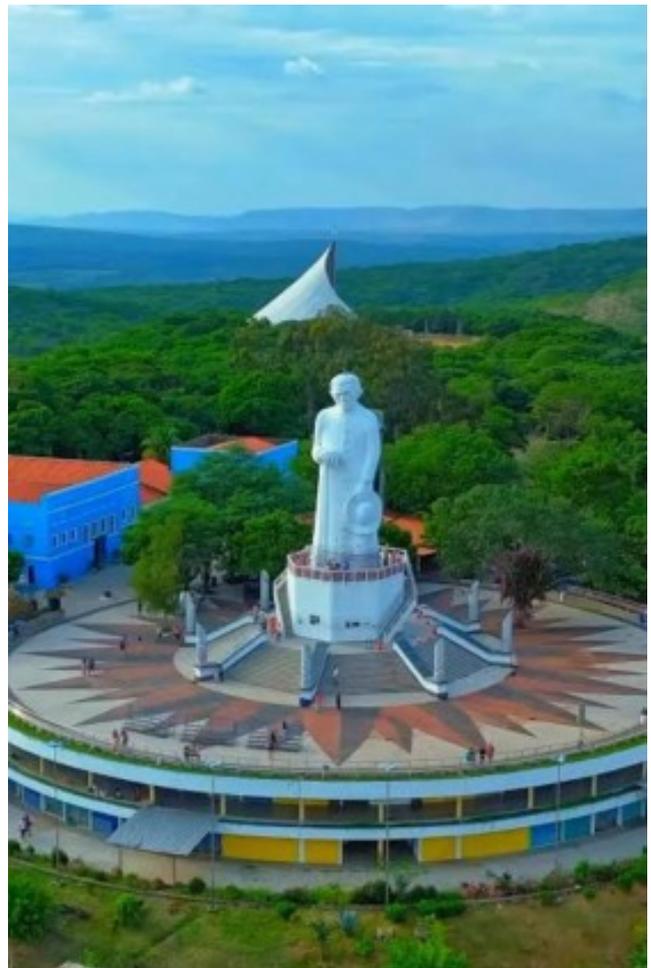


GENERACIÓN DE LUZ CC and URISOL CC to Para el Diálogo CC

Dear Sister Marina and the entire For
Dialogue CC community in Caracas,

Please receive a fraternal hug from Northeast
Brazil, from the land of Father Cícero, Juazeiro
do Norte.

I write moved by the same faith that for more
than a century has attracted pilgrims to this
land: faith in the God of Mercy, in Christ who
welcomes the little ones, and in the power of
the Holy Spirit who renews all things. From
my Catholic heart and the spirituality of the
pilgrim people, I share with you a simple and
profound blessing, inspired by our beloved
"Fathin":



"May the God of Love protect your paths. May Our Lady of Sorrows cover your lives in her mantle of consolation. And may the Peace of Christ, who is a crucified and humble King, reign in your hearts and in your beloved territory of Venezuela. And may, just as the pilgrims of Juazeiro find strength in community and faith, our fraternity among CCs be a living sign of the harmony the Lord wishes for all humanity."

May the hills of Caracas and the Horto hill in Juazeiro be united by the same hope. May our interfaith dialogue be, above all, an encounter of siblings, children of the same Father.

With affection and prayers,

José Elverson Ferreira de Andrade

CC Generación de Luz, Jóvenes de América Latina

CC Urisol Fortaleza - CE

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Para el Diálogo CC to Fraternidad Interespiritual CC

Dear Ricardo,

"When we pray for peace, let us truly be with one another. Let us be aware of the Source of Being, common to us all and to all that exists. Let us pray that all beings realize that they all draw nourishment from the same Source of Life. Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be the cause of unnecessary suffering. With reverence for Life and awareness of the suffering around us, let us pray for the establishment of peace in our hearts and on Earth." Finding peace in the present is the way to awakening. Cultivating the awareness of peace and calm allows us to generate a state in which we can develop to counteract the stress of daily life. Peace always begins with us, by calming our thoughts. As a Zen proverb says, "Peace comes from inside. Do not seek it outside."

Marina Tirado

Global Trustee

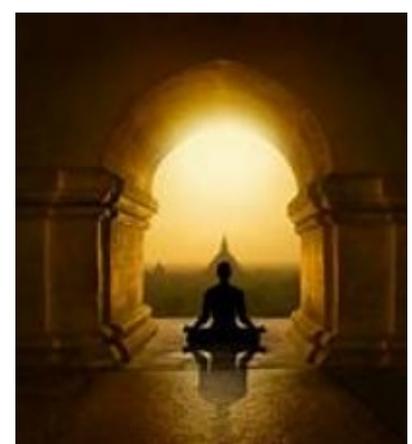


Fraternidad Interespiritual CC to Juntos por la Niñez y la Juventud Centroamericana CC

Dear Helen,

In this week of interfaith harmony, I express my intentions that all people, from all different religions, learn to live in harmony with those who think differently from us, including those with a completely opposite view to ours. This path to harmony is very difficult, but I trust that together, with religious diversity, we can find ways to live in harmony.

Ricardo Manzano



Juntos por la niñez y la juventud centroamericana CC to Generación de Luz CC

Dear Brother Fernando,

I am writing to you from Central America, Honduras. We are a Central American Cooperation Circle (CC), united through different countries of the region and different religions and indigenous spiritualities to carry out activities for the children and young people of our countries. We share experiences and methodologies to take care of our youth, their hearts and bodies, and to teach them how to take care of creation: water, forests, and mountains, with playful materials and biblical teachings applied to the needs of children and young people of today.

How wonderful it is to meet you and send you a message of PEACE, so we are united and respectful in diversity.

This won't be the only time we communicate; in the future, I hope to send you pictures of our CC and the activities we do.

With affection,

Helen Gutiérrez



Generación de Luz CC to Mukua CC

Dear Mukua members:

In this World Harmony Week, I would like to express my deepest wishes for peace, harmony, prosperity, and above all, wisdom to face the challenges each one of us encounter. Remember that each and every one of us is immensely important and that we are all able to positively influence our surroundings. May God guide you to be a light in your communities.

A hug from afar.

Fernando



América Latina & El Caribe

Mukua CC to Latinoamericano de Músicos CC

Dear Moreno,

Baba and Nana,
Creator of heaven and Earth,
And of all nature:
we give you thanks
because you give your Spirit to humankind.
You teach us to live in unity with Mother Earth.

Baba and Nana,
You give us strength in the struggles
for the land, and to our brothers and sisters in Brazil, grant peace.

Baba and Nana,
You are present in the Latin American Musicians CC so that they may always be united
and caring for what you have left us.

Baba and Nana,
You teach us to live with family,

Baba and Nana, You teach us to live
in respect for one another,

Baba and Nana, You teach us to live in unity in communities of different religions.

Baba and Nana, You are always present in our cultures:
we give you thanks for always being with us.

Nued!!!!

Fany González



Latinoamericano de Músicos CC to Generación de Luz CC

Dear Felipe,

I wish you and all the members of the CC Generación de Luz every success in your projects and dreams. May the Divine force within each of you expand its light and illuminate all those around you.

May the resolution of material and social problems manifest, and may the cooperation between us, the Latinoamerican Musicians CC, and yours manifest today and always, not only as a wish, but as concrete actions for the good of the planet and humanity.

Amen.

Sincerely,

Moreno Overá and Latinoamericano de Músicos CC

https://youtu.be/l_Or9QtevN8?si=3HXbZnwkaH6V5Ur6



Generación de Luz CC to Yacu-Yura CC

Dear members of the CC,

What a wonderful opportunity to connect. My name is Andrés Felipe Acevedo, I'm a member of the Generation of Light CC and a lay member of the Soto Zen Community of Colombia (a school of Japanese Buddhism), based in Bogotá. I am delighted to learn about you, your broad, integrative vision, and your focus on preserving nature and our environment; especially at this time when your country is experiencing a dramatic situation due to the forest wildfires affecting some states as Córdoba, where I understood you are located. Members of my community have raised awareness to this issue and have sought support to address it through the initiative of the Ecobuddhism Laboratory (LEB). I hope conditions will become more favorable, and as is manifested in the Maka Hannya Haramita Shingyo (Heart Sutra): "Gya tei gya tei, Hara gya tei, Hara so gya tei, bo ji so wa ka"; (translates): "Let's go together, all together, beyond the beyond, until the awakening."

A very cordial greeting

Felipe

