



Scriptural Reasoning by Zoom

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The Paris Education Center, "Dialogue & Alliance" organized its monthly interfaith meeting on the theme: "The family: school of love and peace". This theme was inspired because the International Day of Families is observed during the month of May.

We received registrations from 13 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Canada, Congo, France, Italy, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, DRC, Senegal, Switzerland, USA, etc.

The moderator was Mr. Dorian GRAVRAND, member of the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP-France).

The first reading, from Ephesians 5:22-33, was commented by Rev. Joseph BINGUIMALE, pastor, who shared

several personal experiences in the "school" of his own family of African origin, living in France, with eight children, fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandson.

The second reading from the Koran, Sura IV, verse 1, was commented by Sheikh Abdelkader ACHOUR, Imam of the Omar Mosque in Paris 11e, who encouraged us to use all means to strengthen and preserve the family unit. He reminded us very well the reasons of being of the marriage from the point of view of Islam.

We had a short musical break that gave us a better understanding of the process of a Jewish wedding. The song was performed by Yossi AZULAY, an international artist, producer, and singer, who performs in Israel and around the world, accompanied by the children's group Music Kids.

Then, the last reading of an excerpt from a sermon of 1986 brought a unificationist look. Mrs. Marie-Christine ODENT, marital and family counselor, highlighted that we learn love in our family where we discover the Four Great Realms of the Heart: filial love, fraternal love, conjugal love, and parental love. She also emphasized the importance of grandparents whose presence makes us aware that we do not come from nowhere and that we continue the chain of generations; and finally, she reminded us that God should be part of our families.

The meeting concluded with a question-and-answer session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 26, 2022, on the theme: "Reconciliation in Daily Life".

