

Peace Road 2015 in St. Lucia

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FFWPU St. Lucia: On August 13th 2015, FFWPU St. Lucia held a Peace Road event in co-operation with the Youth on Fire Ministry (YOFM), a young adults group of the Catholic Church in the fisherman village of Anse-la-Raye.

Ms. Faustina Edwards of the YOFM introduced the Peace Road Project with information from the Peace Road website. She explained that it was the fruit of the vision of Rev. Sun Myung Moon to bring world peace among nations, races and religions by connecting them through a system of international highways and a tunnel at the Bering Strait between Alaska and Russia.

Mr. Remy Taupier of the FFWPU gave provided further detailed insights about the Peace Road Project and stressed that building peace is not just the affairs of international organizations but also that of our own communities, families and selves

Ms. Kerstin Medard, president of the YOFM, divided the participants into 5 groups and gave each group a quote to reflect upon.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." – Martin Luther King.

"Be the change you want to see in the world." – Mahatma Gandhi

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not let your hearts be distressed or lacking in courage." – John 14:27

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be kept by understanding" – Albert Einstein

Each group held discussions and then proceeded to share their thoughts with the rest of the participants. After taking a group photo, there was a march through the village up to the seashore and the event culminated with the launching of peace lanterns over the ocean. It was truly significant for the St. Lucian young people to be part of this world event.