

40th Anniversary Celebration Organized by UPF-Brazil

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São Paulo, Brazil—UPF-Brazil organized an event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Unification Movement in Brazil on November 21, 2015. The one-day celebration was held at the Sorocaba Convention Center. Among the more than 200 attendees were leaders who helped build the Unification Movement in Brazil and VIPs, including the vice president of the legislative assembly of Sao Paulo state and a Brazilian Olympic gold medalist.

The event began with a prayer, offered by Pastor Cesar Zaduski.

UPF-Brazil president, Dr. Simao Feraboli, who served as emcee, welcomed all the participants and explained the vision of the founders of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and the work of FFWPU and UPF, which was also founded by Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

A video introducing UPF's work was then shown.

Afterwards, Mr. Koichi Sasaki, president of FFWPU, spoke about the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Unification Movement in Brazil.

Next, Rev. Peter Haider, president of UPF-Austria, spoke about the work of UPF in Europe, especially the activities he is coordinating with the United Nations in Vienna, Austria.

Rev. Dong Mo Shin, regional director of UPF-South America, spoke about the importance of people working together to implement a culture of peace and emphasized that peace begins within each one of us and expands to our families, the society, the nation, and the world.

Ambassadors for Peace, São Paulo state congresswoman, Mrs. Maria Lucia Amary, who was representing the governor of São Paulo state, Mr. Geraldo Alkmin, and Mrs. Rose Lucia Amary, congratulated the Unification Movement of Brazil on its 40th anniversary and shared their experiences with UPF and Rev. and Mrs. Moon, and how they became Ambassadors for Peace. They said they feel greater responsibility now to accomplish the goal of a peaceful society.

Dr. Chang Sik Yang, director of UPF-Americas, gave the main presentation on UPF's activities to promote peace and cooperation between peoples and between religious and political leaders.

Then dinner was served and five New Ambassadors for Peace were appointed: (1) Dr. Pedro Menin, a former judge of the São Paulo Court of Justice, and his wife; (2) Dr. Pricila Menin, president of the women's Republican Brazilian Party of São Paulo; (3) Dr. Fernando Pinto Silva, a chief of police; (4)

Brazilian athlete and Olympic gold medalist, Mrs. Maurren Maggi; and (4) Mr. José Passaro, a youth leader.

At the end of the event, all the guests received a special issue of Mundo Unificado magazine commemorating the 40th anniversary.



Participants:

Leaders who helped build the Unification Movement in Brazil: the first Korean Unification Church missionary, Rev. Hyung Tae Kim, and his wife, Jung Hee Han; Rev. Dong Mo Shin and his wife, Keiko Haga; Rev. Heung Tae Kim; Rev. Hideo Oyamada; Rev. Peter Haider and his wife, Dominique; Rev. Christian Lepelletier; former director of CENE and the Jardim Project, Rev. Myung Ki Shin; international president of CARP (College Association of Research and Principles), In Soung Kwun; and Koichi Sasaki.

VIPs:

Cesar Romao, journalist, author and international speaker, who is also an Ambassador for Peace
Maria Lucia Amary, congresswoman and the first vice president of the Legislative Assembly of São Paulo State; who is also an Ambassador for Peace
Delegate Rose, former congresswoman who created the first police station for women in São Paulo; who is also an Ambassador for Peace
Maurren Maggi, athlete and Olympic gold medalist (Beijing Olympics 2008) athlete in Beijing in 2008
Márcio Matsumoto, legal director of the Palmeiras Sport Club
José Resende, entrepreneur and Ambassador for Peace
Valdecir de Oliveira, entrepreneur and owner of ASSENCO and professor of engineering at FACEMS
Celso Resende, entrepreneur and vice president of FENIX
Roberto Cicivizzo Jr., deputy general counsel of the Paulista Federation of Football
Salome Masuko, consulate general of South Africa in São Paulo
Mogano, political consul at the consulate of South Africa in São Paulo
Oscar Soberanes Benites, consulate general of Mexico in São Paulo
Eric Martin and Veronica Barahona, consul general of Ecuador's consulate general in São Paulo
Manoel Viais, mayor of Caracol city in Mato Grosso do Sul State
Dr. Reinaldo Correa, chief of police and Ambassador for Peace
José Carlos Barbosa Jr., journalist at TVR
Evaristo Fernandes, president of UPF-Paraguay