

## UPF's International Leadership Conference at National Congress of Paraguay

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The conference focused on the theme of "Peace in the Chaco Region and Historical Empathy." The event included the appointment of new Ambassadors for Peace and was attended by 3 National Deputies, the mayor of Quiindy, and approximately 80 participants, including 40 active Ambassadors for Peace, local leaders, and special guests.

Rosi Dueck de Giuliano, Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), served as the moderator for the conference. The Welcome Remarks were delivered by Rev. Evaristo Fernández Sandoval, President of UPF Paraguay. A video showcasing the World Summit 2023 and the 80th birthday celebration of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of UPF, held from May 2 to 7 in South Korea, was also presented. Pastor Estanislao Obregón, the founder of Torre de David Church, shared his testimony as a representative of Paraguay at the World Summit and performed a song dedicated to the Mother of Peace. The signing of the peace treaty between Paraguay and Bolivia in 1935, marking the day of reconciliation between the two sister nations that were once at war, was commemorated during the conference.

The first speaker, Dr. Víctor Oxley, an Ambassador for Peace, delivered a speech on the topic "The Chaco War: 2nd Battle at Nanawa and Ingavi, Mendoza Peace Conference, Peace Protocol, and Buenos Aires Peace and Friendship Treaty." Following him, Prof. Lic. Ramón Antonio Vargas Chamorro, another Ambassador for Peace, spoke about "Signing of the Armistice for Peace in the Chaco War: Antecedents and Anecdotes."

Professor Gustavo Giuliano, Director of the UPF Education Department, concluded the session with a presentation on "historical empathy." He emphasized the importance of analyzing history with empathy and altruism, highlighting it as a core principle of the UPF founders.

During the event, Pedro Acosta, a descendant of Chaco's heroes, was awarded a special recognition by the

Universal Peace Federation. Acosta stressed the necessity of learning from past mistakes to create a better future. He emphasized the value of peace, cooperation among nations, and the prevention of devastating consequences resulting from armed conflicts.



Furthermore, Ms. Roswitha Dueck de Giuliano, President of WFWP Paraguay, presented the Global Women Peace Ambassador Award to Honorable Deputy Esmérita Sánchez de Da Silva (representative of the Human Rights Commission), Honorable Deputy Del Pilar Eva Medina de Paredes, and Dr. Susana Barua, Coordinator of the Ñapuake Program at the Office of the First Lady.

In her acceptance speech, Deputy Esmérita Sánchez expressed her gratitude for the recognition and emphasized the importance of adults fulfilling their roles to support the proper growth of young people, both within their own homes and in the wider community.

Deputy Del Pilar Medina, who has been involved with the UPF for 10 years, expressed her gratitude for the recognition and highlighted the Federation's role as a family. She emphasized the commitment to work for the benefit of their country, considering it more than just a title.

Dr. Susana Barua, also honored with an award, mentioned her activities over the years as a representative of the Women's Federation and as an Ambassador for Peace. She expressed her deep gratitude, particularly to her family, for understanding her absence from home and conveyed her love for the UPF community.

Finally, ten new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed, including Mr. Roberto Meza Cubilla, National Deputy Freddy Franco Alfaro, and former Police Chief Merardo Palacio Melgarejo. They expressed their appreciation for receiving the appointment certificates. Notably, Merardo Palacios, Deputy Esmérita Sánchez, and Deputy Pilar Medina received education on the Divine Principle through the one-on-one method. Additionally, the two deputies are part of a central blessed family.

The opening of the event featured performances by the National Police Chamber Orchestra, including the Paraguayan National Anthem and Commemoration Songs. To conclude the event, 80-year-old Ambassador for Peace, Olga Fernández, delighted attendees with a traditional Paraguayan dance.