

FFWPU Dominican Republic Strengthening Marriage for a Culture of Peace

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On April 27, 2024, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, the FFWPU hosted an event titled "Saving Marriage for a Culture of Peace." The event aimed to strengthen the Cheon Il Guk on Earth under the guidance of the True Mother, the Only-Begotten Daughter. The ceremony of cosmic blessing saw the participation of 80 members and seven couples. Among them were five previously married couples who chose to enter the heavenly lineage of the True Parents. The event was marked by a profound spiritual atmosphere, with one couple testifying that, despite being married for over 50 years, this blessing ceremony felt like their true marriage.



The ceremony began with a prayer led by Pastor Cándido Gómez, followed by a welcome speech from Carmen Belliard, president of the Blessed Families Department of the Dominican Republic. Mrs. Yoko Lai, president of the Heavenly Caribbean Families Department, also greeted the attendees. Lic. César Augusto Regalado Muñoz, Secretary-General of the UPF in the Dominican Republic, delivered a lecture on the value and significance of the ceremony. The program was seamlessly guided by MC and national leader, Bernardo Cruz Peralta.

Former ambassador of the Dominican Republic to Costa Rica, Alfida Fernández, and her husband expressed their gratitude for receiving the blessing and being part of the lineage of the True Parents. Rev. Takahashi Kono and his wife, Teiko Kono, officiated the ceremony, representing the True Parents. The event successfully reinforced the commitment to a culture of peace through the sanctity of marriage.

The attending couples included:

Pasquale Lai and Yoko Kikuchi
Salvador Castillo and Marlete Rodriguez
Rodolfo Espinosa and Arisleyda Hiraldo