

UPF Lisbon, Portugal celebrates the 29th anniversary of the Tocoist Church

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Lisbon, Portugal - UPF-Portugal representatives were invited to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the Tocoist Church's founding in Portugal.



Since being founded by Simão Gonçalves Toco in 1949 in Angola, the Tocoist Church (Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the World) has expanded to a worldwide level.

Its spiritual leader, His Holiness Bishop Afonso Nunes, received the Marriage Blessing from UPF founders Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and he participated in the São Tomé and Príncipe Summit organized by UPF in 2019.

The friendship between UPF and Tocoists has grown based on shared values, both in Portugal and in Angola.

During the sermon that Rev. Simão Vemba, the Tocoists' spiritual leader in Portugal, gave at the anniversary celebration on September 5, 2021, he stated that UPF is no longer a guest but part of the Tocoist community. Following these words, the UPF

representatives offered words of gratitude and appreciation, underlining the importance of the Tocoist Church for God's providence in Angola and in Portugal.

The celebration proceeded with beautiful African choirs, and at the end five children offered prayers on their knees. It was a very deep and moving moment.



On a previous visit, UPF presented copies of Mother Moon's Mother of Peace memoir to several Tocoist members, and this time five pastors received it, including Rev. Simão Vemba.

During the banquet, in a very joyful and relaxed atmosphere, the UPF representatives spoke about Father and Mother Moon's work and life. The Tocoist Church recognizes the UPF founders' efforts for the realization of world peace, and it shares UPF's core values, such as purity and marriages centered on God.

Through this event, new and deeper bonds of brotherhood were created.