

## Prayer for Peace in Argentina and the World - International Day of Peace

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On September 21, 2023, the International Day of Peace was commemorated with an interfaith gathering themed "prayer for peace in Argentina and the world." Organized by the Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD)/UPF Argentina, the event took place at the Auditorium for Peace of the Basilio Scientific School in Buenos Aires, drawing over 80 participants.

The event was graced with a message from Dr. Simón Ferabolli, the newly appointed president of UPF South America. The gathering culminated with a harmonious performance by the choir and instrumental ensemble of the New Apostolic Church of the Ciudadela Community, located in the province of Buenos Aires.



Diverse religious leaders and representatives offered prayers and reflections, emphasizing unity, peace, and interfaith dialogue. Notable contributors included:

- Eduardo Castro and Norma Limia from the Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires.
- Rabbi Marcelo Aptekmann from the Jewish Organization for Interfaith Dialogue.
- Professor Isa Altekin from the Alba Intercultural Dialogue Center representing the Islamic Community.
- Pastor Noemí Paredes of the Evangelical Church Ministry Ambassadors of Christ.
- Swami Purnabodhananda from the Ramakrishna Ashrama Argentina, representing the Hindu Community.
- Mauricio Seff from the Kagyu Tekchen Chöling, representing the Buddhist Community.
- Angraj Singh Granthi from the Gurdwara Guru Ram Das Dev ji Buenos Aires, representing the Sikh Community.
- Iya Adewale Eugenia Calvi, a priestess of the Yoruba tradition.
- Carlos Varga from the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification of Argentina.
- Gustavo Libardi, president of the Church of Scientology Argentina.
- Andrea Fernández Bevans from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Brother Horacio Pisano from the Association Basilio Scientific School.



Norma Cano Ballester, the Public Relations representative of the Basilio Scientific School Association, warmly welcomed the attendees.

As the event drew to a close, Miguel Werner, president of UPF-Argentina, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all participants. He emphasized the pivotal role of faith, spirituality, and unity in navigating the challenges of our times, especially in a world grappling with conflict and war.