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In this world of religious diversity and much misunderstanding among the followers of different religions, the Parliament of World Religions held in Chicago in 1893 was a bold step for bringing harmony, peace, mutual love and respect for each other. It brought together, for the first time, the religions of the West with several from the East in 1893 at the end of the World's Fair in Chicago, USA, celebrating Columbia's discovery of the New World.

After about 100 years, with a resurgence of vitality, the same spirit of love and harmony inspired some noble-hearted lovers of God who joined together to revive the Parliament of World Religions and brought a large gathering of people belonging to different religions to Chicago, Cape Town, Barcelona and Melbourne in recent years.

The Council for a Parliament of the World's religions, representing worldwide enthusiasm for the ideal of peace it proclaims, has created a Committee in Southern California which has been very active in promoting events to feed this yearning of the human heart. The most recent of these has been the Yankee-Latino festival to engage the spirit of love and respect between North and South America. This is indeed a great joy to see how people from all walks of life are trying to understand the culture, religion and ideals of others with love, respect and honor.

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