

WEEK OF THE "BRAZILIAN NATIONAL DAY TO COMBAT RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE"

Several human rights bodies in the Federal District, Brazil, together with religious leaders and interreligious and ecumenical organizations, among them the Brasilia Cooperation Circle of the United Religions Initiative - URI Brasilia - jointly built an agenda for the week of "National Day to Combat Religious Intolerance - January 21th". The agenda is also part of the World Interfaith Harmony Week celebrations.

On January 19, a debate was held with the theme "Threats to religious diversity and secularism in Brazil", in the Anglican Cathedral of Brasilia.

In the morning of January 20, an event of the National Committee for Respect of Religious Diversity of the Special Secretariat for Human Rights, an organ of the Federal Government of Brazil, was held. There was a presentation about an important report, a book and a research on religious diversity. Elianildo Nascimento, coordinator of the URI Brasilia Cooperation Circle, was one of the panelists.

On January 20, from 12 a.m. to 5 p.m., a public event was held at the Plano Piloto Bus Station, Brasília, headed by Terreiro Peoples Network and Terreiro Youth.

Also on the 20th, at the end of the afternoon, a presentation was made by the Religious Diversity Committee of the Federal District (CDDR), in the Noble Hall of the Buriti Palace.

On January 21, several health, hygiene, cultural and citizenship services were offered to the inmates of the SalveaSi - Institution for Treatment of Chemical Dependents, as well as an Ecumenical Chain of Prayer for World Peace, for the harmony of families and for the end of intolerance and the various forms of violence.

The closing of the activities took place at 5:00 pm on day 21 at the Shin Buddhist Temple in Brasilia, where there was a beautiful Interfaith Celebration with the participation of the diverse leaders and organizations, followed by a social moment.

It was a week of intense activity in various spaces that reached a very considerable number of people, raising the flag of peace, harmony, conciliation and religious diversity.

Realization and support: Atheist Association of the Central Plateau; National Council of Christian Churches of Brazil - CONIC; Anglican Episcopal Church - IEAB DF; Brasilia Cooperation Circle of the United Religions Initiative - URI Brasilia; Ilê Orinla Fun Fun - Temple of Candomblé; Jovens de Terreiro - DF; Observatory of Religious Freedom - OLIR DF; Ecumenical Youth Network - REJU DF; Undersecretary of Human Rights Policies of the Government of the Federal District - SEDESTMIDH; Area of Religious Diversity - SEDH.

Kind regards,

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