World Interfaith Harmony Week was celebrated in Sao Paulo, on February 19, for the 2nd time at the Indian Cultural Center and the 6th time in the city. The event was realized with the partnership of the following organizations: Universal Peace Federation (UPF), International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Brazilian Association for the Freedom of Religion and Citizenship (ABLIRC), the Inter-Faith band Soul of Peace and Indian Cultural Center (ICC) who offered the auditorium.

Each guest speakers had around three minutes to share an interfaith message.

Sacerdote Mahesh Mahesvara, ISKCON Interfaith secretary and Soul of Peace band founder, gave the opening words welcoming the audience and coordinated the event and said we belong to one human family independent of our religious faith; <https://www.facebook.com/bandasouldapaz/?fref=ts>

Mrs Minakshi Mishra, ICC director said she is pleased to open the Indian Cultural Center to receive all the participants for this important event;

Mauricio Hondaku, Pure Land Buddhism, Shishu Otani Order;

Dr Sheikh Mohamad Bukai, theologian and professor from the Islamic National Union;

Reverend Kazuiyoshi Nakahara, Buddhism Risho Kyossei Kai;

Afonso Moreira, President of the Council of the Sao Paulo Spiritism Federation;

Sheikh Abdel Hamid Metwally, São Paulo Mosque;

Fábio Ferreira, Public Relation director of the Latter Days Saints Church of Jesus Christ, shared about volunteers activities and social projects are opened to invite members of all faith;

João Signorelli, actor playing a monologue of Mahatma Gandhi´s life and character as a servant leader;

Toninho Macedo, Abaçaí Culture and Revelando Sao Paulo director;

Dr Samuel Gomes de Lima ABLIRC president, spoke about the importance to defend the religious freedom right;

Rev Christian Lepelletier, UPF vice-president and representing Unificationism spoke about the importance of the Inter-faith harmony as the first condition for world peace.

Kiko Zambianki, Singer, guitarist and song writer and musical mentor of the Interfaith Band;

<http://tinyurl.com/zorde7e> ;

Pr Eliel Leonardo, Assembly of God in Guarulhos, Interfaith band´singer;

Bishop Dom Flávio Irala, Anglican Church and Interfaith band´s guitar player;

Celso Silvino da Silva, president of the Interfaith department of the Brazilian Workers Party;

All agreed that is very important to meet and to build bridges between the diverse cultures and religions, and Brazil has a special mission to be an example and model of harmony for the world.

The interfaith “Soul of Peace” band is a unique model practicing interfaith cooperation between musicians presented several songs composed by them based on universal values found among all religions, like respect, tolerance and love others….etc.