

## Report of 2011 Brazil GPLC & GPF

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I would like to report that the “2011 Brazil Global Peace Leadership Conference & Global Peace Festival” ended successfully. And I would like to extend my appreciation to all the people around the world who sent their support and prayers for the success of this event. One unforgettable thing is the support and teamwork of Bishop Manoel Ferreira, great spiritual leader of Brazil and Latin America, and the investment by Federal Congressman Nelson Markezelli throughout the event. Despite some irregularities\*, I want to happily report that the GPLC and GPF events were a great victory for all, including Dr. Hyun Jin Moon.

### 1. Background of the GPLC and GPF event in Brazil

Many of you might be curious how this year’s GPLC and GPF events were prepared. The GPF event in Brazil was possible thanks to the support of Bishop Manoel Ferreira—he was the motivation that brought the event to fruition. Congressman Markezelli was the inspiration behind the session in Congress.

Backtracking one year to November of 2010 when the GPF and Global Peace Convention (GPC) were held in Nairobi, Bishop Ferreira did not hesitate to travel a far distance to participate in the event alongside the presidents of Kenya and Ethiopia. The Bishop was very moved and inspired as he experienced the regional level GPC in Africa. Through several private meetings with Dr. Moon they set the plans, purpose and schedule for a Summit meeting of regional leaders and for a Global Peace Festival to be held in Brazil. These were the GPLC & GPF events that were recently held. With dedication Bishop Ferreira played an important role in preparing the events. The pictures below are from Kenya when both met in Nairobi—you can see Bishop Ferreira with a prominent fellow Pastor from his church.



### 2. Second Edition of the Latin American Global Peace Leadership Conference held in Brazil

The GPLC was held from October 19th-21st, 2011, amidst the participation of 7 former presidents from all Latin America and many parliamentarians from the region. The former presidents who made this

event a special occasion and shared the vision were Marco Vinicio Cerezo (Guatemala), Ernesto Perez Balladares (Panama), Juan Carlos Wasmosy (Paraguay), Raul Cubas Grau (Paraguay), Luis Alberto Lacalle (Uruguay), Jaime Paz Zamora (Bolivia), and Gustavo Noboa Bejarano (Ecuador).

This event was co-sponsored by GPF and think-tank IDPPS (Instituto de Desarrollo del Pensamiento – Patria Soñada). The event was the second edition of the Latin American GPLC—the first Latin American GPLC was held in Paraguay in 2010. And, following Hyun Jin Nim and Bishop Ferreira’s recommendation the theme for the event was “Opportunities, Difficulties and Challenges for Latin America: Strategies on Energy, Food Resources and Ethics”. Holding the event in Brazil was a conscious choice as it represents one of Latin America’s most developed nations. The event was divided into three sessions and touched upon the following topics: “Energy Integration”, “The Global Necessity for Food Resources”, and “Social Integration and Development”.

The following is a list of the main topics and presenters throughout the event.

#### **Session I: “Energy Integration: Analysis and proposals”**

Moderator: Dr. Guillermo Krauch (Paraguay)

Expositor: Dr. Guillermo Holzmann (Chile), Ruperto Long (Uruguay)

Panelists: Former Presidents Juan Carlos Wasmosy (Paraguay), Ernesto Perez Balladares (Panama), Raul Cubas Grau (Paraguay)

#### **Session II: “The Global Necessity for Food Resources: A Regional Answer”**

Moderator: Ambassador Oscar Alvarez (Costa Rica)

Expositor: Ronald Dietze (Paraguay), Manuel Pichardo, Dr. Juan Francisco Facetti (Paraguay)

Panelists: Former President Marco Vinicio Cerezo (Guatemala), Gustavo Noboa Bejarano (Ecuador)

#### **Session III: “Necessary Ethical Values for Social Integration and Development”**

Moderator: Senator Sergio Abreu (Uruguay)

Expositor: Dr. Alberto Scavarelli (Uruguay), Dr. Joao Campos (Brasil)

Panelists: Former President Luis Alberto Lacalle (Uruguay), Gustavo Noboa Bejarano (Ecuador), Jaime Paz Zamora (Bolivia)

The governor of the Federal District of Brazil, Mr. Tadeu Filippelli, spoke on behalf of Vice-president Dr. Michel Temer to offer words of welcome. He thanked GPF for the activities it initiated and spoke of the relevance and application of the theme “Energy, Food Resources, and Ethics” in the context of Brazil’s reality.

Another significant individual who sent his remarks congratulating the GPLC event and explaining how the topics are pertinent to Latin America was the current President of Ecuador, Rafael Correa. He sent a 7 minute video to share his experience with the participants.



Message of current President of the Republic of Ecuador

Many international guests and former presidents were eager to meet Dr. Moon, but he said that he could not attend due to other immediate issues that required his attention. Dr. Moon sent a video to give his keynote message. Many participants shared that his words inspired them and that through his words they got to know the organization and its founder better.



Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, founder of GPFF, delivering his message

The highlight of the 2011 Brasilia GPLC was the “Brasilia Declaration” prepared by the 7 former presidents and leaders of Latin America. This declaration reaffirms the contents of the “Asuncion Declaration” which was declared at the 1st Latin American GPLC in 2010, and it expresses the commitment to expand universal values, principles, and aspirations for the sake of regional integration in Latin America. The “Brasilia Declaration” represents the conclusions and consensus reached by 7

former presidents and the international participants after much deliberation and discussion. This event was especially meaningful in that the 7 former presidents came to agree upon the vision and mission of GPFF and showed a strong desire to work together.



*Former presidents discussing the language to be used on the Brasilia Declaration – From left: Cerezo, Cubas, Noboa, Paz Zamora, Wasmosy, and Lacalle*

The person who received the biggest inspiration from this event was none other than former president Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia. President Paz Zamora said that this was the first time he had attended this type of event and that he didn't expect much of it. But when he was in his room in the hotel he began to read Dr. Moon's keynote message. President Paz Zamora shared that the words in the keynote message reminded him of the life philosophy of a very precious person in his life (his deceased brother). At the Closing Plenary, President Paz Zamora gave his heartfelt testimony expressing that he would participate in the work to realize the dream of creating One Family under God through establishing a culture of heart and living for the sake of others.



*Former President Paz Zamora's moving testimony at the Closing Plenary*

The following pictures depict various images of the GPLC event.



*From left: Dr. Cano Radil and Dr. Altamirano of IDPPS think-tank (Paraguay), 7 former presidents, Bishop Manoel Ferreira and Lilian Samaniego (Senator and president of ANR party of Paraguay)*

*Former presidents participating in sessions (below)*





*Dr. Juan Francisco Facetti (above) of the IDPPS think-tank Speaking on "Food Resources"*



*Students from the Catholic University engaging in discussion sessions (above) and other participants attending the event (below)*



*Youngjun Kim Int'l GPF President awarding a participant*



*Former presidents signing Declaration*

*Leaders participating (below)*



### 3. Meeting with Vice-President of Brazil Dr. Michel Temer

On October 20, 2011, a delegation consisting of GPF representatives and 5 former presidents had the honor of meeting with Vice-President Michel Temer of Brazil. Because President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil was out of the country on business, the Vice-President received the GPLC delegation as acting head of state. The Vice-President was very content with the work being carried out by GPF and Dr. Hyun Jin Moon and he said that he would support future activities in Brazil. The meeting carried on for about 1 hour in which the Vice-President entered into a serious conversation about the need for regional integration with the former presidents.



*Vice-President Michel Temer of Brazil with GPF Int'l President Kim (left), Meeting at the VP's office (Right)*



*Group picture of GPLC delegation in the office of the Vice-President of Brazil*

#### 4. Solemn Session Honoring GPFF at the Chamber of Congress of Brazil

A solemn session honoring the work and achievements of GPFF took place at the Chamber of Congress in Brasilia, Brazil on October 21, 2011. The ceremony took place amidst the participation of national senators and congressmen, international GPLC participants and 5 former presidents (Panama, Ecuador, Guatemala, Uruguay, and Paraguay).



*Brazilian parliamentarians and int'l participants at the Congress (above), Speakers (below)*



*Former president Lacalle speaks (left), Brazil Congressman Nelson Marquezelli giving welcoming remarks*

In his address former president Lacalle spoke of the necessity of a common goal to pave the road for regional integration in Latin America, and expanded upon the idea that the vision of “One Family under God” is an innovative message to overcome national, religious, and ethnic barriers in the 21st century.

Federal Congressman Nelson Marquezelli gave the following special words in his welcoming remarks of the solemn session:

“It is with excitement and enthusiasm on behalf of the House of Representatives, House which represents the will and sentiment of the Brazilian people, that I come to greet this important solemn session with a worldwide audience, relevant authorities, formed by several former presidents of our continent and Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, son of Dr. Sun Myung Moon, the great idealist who inspired the Global Peace Festival Foundation, a visionary who advocates the importance of the various religions and cultures to create peaceful and lasting ties based on the God's universal principles... [I am] enthused to see that Dr. Hyun Jin Moon continues realizing the dream of world peace, guided by his father, a man of faith whose vision seeks tirelessly to promote the greater good, ‘peace’, to bring a change to the global society.”

On this day Mr. Jose Eliton Figueiredo Jr., Vice-governor of the state of Goias came in representation of the Governor of his state. Mr. Figueiredo Jr. gave a report and summary of the GPF activities that have been taking place in the city of Goiania until now. And Lililan Samaniego, Senator and president of the ANR party of Paraguay, introduced the activities that GPF and Dr. Moon are developing in Paraguay. She specially mentioned the positive effects of character education and social service upon Paraguayan society and its youth. Senator Samaniego said that GPF is inspiring professionals from all paths of life to work for a better Paraguay. She mentioned GPF's support of the think-tank (IDPPS) established to create a roadmap for the future of the nation.



*Paraguay Senator Lilian Samaniego*



*Goias state Vice Governor Figueiredo Jr.*



There was one more significant moment at the solemn session in the Chamber of Congress. The Congress of Brazil gave a “Plaque of Recognition” to GPF’s founder Hyun Jin Moon. On this occasion, GPF International President Youngjun Kim received the honor in Dr. Moon’s stead. In his acceptance speech, President Kim said that “I am extremely grateful and honored by the confidence you have placed in [Dr. Moon] by virtue of this recognition. This award is not intended primarily to honor a personality, but it symbolizes great moral and innovative leadership. In a very real sense we are gathered here today to celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to the noble cause of building true peace and prosperity. GPF shall stand the test of time and continue to serve as a model to create real change for lasting peace on earth.”

The plaque reads as follows:

Federal Republic of Brazil, Chamber of Congress

His Excellency,

**Federal Congressman Nelson Marquezelli**, In the name of the Chamber of Congress of the Federal Republic of Brazil, we Congratulate the honoring of the most excellent sir,

**Dr. Hyun Jin Moon**

Recognizing the work, dedication to relevant public service offered by **the Global Peace Festival Foundation** in the work of constructing a world of Peace and for the success of the Global Peace Festivals carried on around the world.

Brasilia, Brazil – October 21, 2011”



*GPF Int'l President Kim receiving the plaque from Congressman Marquezelli representing the Congress of Brazil (left) and President Kim delivering his acceptance speech (right)*

The event at the Congress was broadcasted several times in 4 national channels and also transmitted to approximately 150 nations. Soon after the event had started, former president Lacalle of Uruguay who was sitting in the headtable at the dais received a call on his cell phone. It was a call from the current president of Uruguay. The president told him “I’m watching you and the event on television.”

## 5. GPF event at the Assemblies of God Church in Brasilia

The Brasilia Global Peace Festival successfully took place under the guidance of Bishop Manoel Ferreira. This event would not have been victorious without Bishop Ferreira's sense of ownership. The Bishop is the President of the Assemblies of God Church of Brazil that has more than 20 million followers just in Brazil. Because of the heartistic relationship he shares with Dr. Moon, Bishop Ferreira expressed his desire to use his foundation to spread the vision of "One Family under God". And through this GPF event he put his words into action. The Bishop's foundation intended to pay for all the expenses for this event. People working in GPF offered some financial support, but Bishop Ferreira refused and said he would absolutely not allow us to offer any financial assistance. That's the level of commitment that he showed in this event. The GPF event was possible not only due to the Bishop's dedication, but because the leaders under him also have trust in the message of GPF.

Many renowned individuals participated in the GPF event. One special guest was Dr. Admilson Teixeira, chief of cabinet, who was sent by the direction of President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil. There were several current congressmen and senators present as well. The air was filled with enthusiasm and passion throughout the entire event. Representing Hyun Jin Nim, Latin American GPF President Thomas Field offered a 15 minute message emphasizing the meaning of One Family under God. Later a famous 13 year old gospel singer named Jota gave a spectacular performance that moved the hearts of the entire audience.



*Audience at the GPF event (The mega-church structure was overflowing and there were tents and screens prepared outside.)*



*Latin American GPF President Thomas Field giving his speech*



*Youngjun Kim, Thomas Field, and Bishop Manoel Ferreira*



*HQ of the Assemblies of God Church where the GPF event took place (left) and gospel singer Jota (right)*

\* Regrettably, officials of the Unification Church opposed these GPF activities and worked to impede them by sending defamatory letters to participants and sponsors, calling up universities to cancel their participation at the event, and sending their members to the event to fish for information, among other questionable activities. In their reports they claimed that GPF “sprayed money for” the event, that GPF “bought the event at the congress” and “paid off” partners, that it was an event that “lost its steam”, and that “it was just a waste of money”, among other speculative and defamatory remarks (quotes are from an official report by Dongmo Shin, leader of the Unification Church). In their own reports they reveal their own efforts to undermine the success of ours. Many participants became aware of the UC’s activities and several expressed their regret. Fortunately, the GPF event in Brasilia turned out to be a major success.