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## BRAZIL

### 3RD NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

About 300 young Marists from Brazil gathered in Rio de Janeiro to take part in the 3rd National Congress of Marist Youth Ministry, which took place from January 26 to 29, 2023, at the Colégio São José da Tijuca.

The event, organized by **UMBRASIL** and the three Provinces of Marist

Brazil, had as its theme “+ Echoes and – Egos, a continuous exercise of spirituality, respect and youthful protagonism”.

At the opening, the participants listened to a message sent by Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General of the Institute. “Marist youth ministry is at the heart of the Marist mission,” said Brother Ernesto. “One of the things that marked my life was the Marist youth ministry experience,” the Superior General further emphasized.



Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, also participated virtually, and desired that the meeting was “a space for reflection and proposal, whose center is protagonism in pastoral, social, solidary and political life”. And he added: “this third congress invites you to think and make proposals relative to three axes: youth protagonism, integral ecology and the common house. These three themes are also key points for the Marist Institute at the international level”.

## general administration

- Br. Ángel Diego, director of the Secretariat of Solidarity, took part in the presentation of the Universal Periodic Review concerning Zambia at the United Nations in Geneva on Monday, alongside the «partners» in the project, the Salesian Sisters.
- On Tuesday, the Assembly of the Arco Norte Region concluded in Guatemala, with the participation of Brothers Luis Carlos, Vicar General, Ken and João Carlos, General Councillors.
- From Tuesday to Friday, Brother Ben, General Councilor, is participating in the meeting being held at Notre Dame de l’Hermitage in France of the leaders of the Marist Centers of l’Hermitage Province.
- Since Tuesday, the team of the Secretariat of Education and

- Evangelization (Brothers Pepe, director, Beto and Mark, former directors) has been in Madrid, working on the development of the Marist Global Network of Schools, Champagnat Global.
- On Wednesday, Brother Ángel Diego met online with the Steering Team of the Centre Catholique International de Genève (CCIG).
- Brothers Jorge and Gregorio, from the Econome General’s Office, will be present in the meeting of bursars of the Arco Norte Region, that takes places in Guatemala, from Wednesday till Friday.
- Saturday will see the first FMSI sponsored formation session for Marists in Latin America. It will be attended by staff from the Foundation and the Secretariat of Solidarity.

On the first day, the young people received a warm welcome from the Provincial of the host Province, Brother José de Assis, who motivated them by saying that “it is time to strengthen unity, act with creative fidelity to the charism and always renew ourselves. We are a great community that educates and evangelizes”. Then the young people, divided by provinces, shared their trajectory, their enthusiasm, and their commitment to belong to such an important youth movement. And to conclude the day, there was an exchange of seeds among the young people, highlighting sustainability and connection.

In the morning of the second day, the young people visited the famous “Cristo Redentor”, where they participated in the mass.

During the afternoon, the participants listened to the reflections of Sister Valéria Leal, national advisor of the Brazilian Bishops’ Youth Pastoral, whose theme was “what kind of youth are these?”

The third day was marked by a dialogue on the commitment to the Common House, motivated by the encyclical *Laudato Si’*, under the guidance of advisors Gabriela Consolaro and Eduardo Brasileiro.

On Sunday the meeting ended with a mass celebrated by the auxiliary bishop of Rio de Janeiro, Paulo Celso Dias do Nascimento.

CENTRAL AMERICA

# 100 YEARS OF MARIST PRESENCE

One hundred years ago, six Marist Brothers from Colombia arrived in El Salvador, and with their arrival in this country began the presence of the **Marists in Central America**. The Marist Brothers arrived in 1923 at the request of Monsignor Victor Basilio Plantier, to administer the “Instituto Católico de Oriente”, founded in the city of San Miguel in 1917.

The Brothers from Colombia who formed the first Marist community in El Salvador were: Josias Lacombe, Tolomeo, Euti-quiano, Timoteo, José Ángelo and Luis Gabriel.

With time the **Instituto Católico de Oriente** gained prestige and began to be known as the “Colegio Marista de San Miguel”. Later, the brothers created other schools in the country and extended their services to the neediest sectors and other countries in Central America: Guatemala (1949), Costa Rica (1962), Puerto Rico (1963), Panama (1968), Nicaragua (1970) and Honduras (1992).

At present, Cuba, where the Brothers arrived in 1903, is also part of the Province of Central America.

The Marists of Central America will celebrate the memory of this event until 2025. It will be a very special period for Marist life and mission in the Province.

On the occasion of the opening of the Marist Centenary in Cen-

tral America, on January 25, Brother Hipólito Pérez, Provincial of Central America, fraternally greeted the entire Marist community. In his video message, the Provincial said: “We Marists want to live this centenary in 3 years. It will be three years to celebrate, to give thanks and to generate life. To celebrate the historic event of the arrival of the first brothers who sowed Marist life in these lands, and which today continues to bear fruit. Also to give thanks for our Marist Being, our life and mission of being educators and evangelizers. To thank God and our Good Mother for so much good received and offered throughout these one hundred years”.

We invite you to listen to the official song of the centenary: **Generando Vida (Generating Life)**  
**Other info in the Province’s site**



## MÉXICO CENTRAL

14 centers of the Province, with about 140 participants, were present at the virtual meeting of Marist Spirituality entitled “A meaningful life”, held on January 21. The special guests were Gustavo Balbinot, coordinator of the Inter-American Network of Marist Spirituality, and Ana Ocegüera, facilitator of BioDance.

## AUSTRALIA

Br Anthony Boyd, from Hunters Hill, received a Medal of the Order of Australia for service to secondary education as deputy principal, teacher and rugby union coach at St Joseph’s College Hunters Hill for more than 20 years.

## CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

During the face-to-face meeting in Mexico, there were three important conferences that could be interesting for personal formation and pastoral education: Prophetic networks at the service of mission (Fr. Daniel Villanueva S.J.); Global Education for a Better World (Fernando Reimers – University of Harvard); Marist Schools, Homes of Light. Voices of Marist women (Pam Mills – South Africa; Kate Fogarty – Australia; Michelle Jordão - Brazil and Noemi B. Silva - Philippines). You can watch the videos [in that link](#).

## L’HERMITAGE

On January 30, all the educational centers of the Marists of Catalonia celebrated the school day of Nonviolence and Peace. As every year, there were numerous activities in schools, social works and Marist youth movements.

## AMÉRICA SUR

## MEETING OF POST-NOVITIATE BROTHERS



From January 12-28, nine young Brothers from the América Sur Region participated in the post-novitiate formation meeting in the cities of Lima and Chosica, Peru, in the Province of Santa María de los Andes. The objective of this period was to deepen the meaning and identity of Marist religious consecration to become a brother passionate about the Gospel, a seeker of God and His will, a disciple of Jesus Christ in the manner of Mary. It also aimed to foster the process of vocational discernment in view of their Final Profession.

The Brothers who took part in the meeting were: Bruno Marcondes (Brasil Centro-Sul), Carlos Henrique de Oliveira (Brasil Centro-Sul), Gabriel Brito (Brasil Centro-Norte), Gilber Galarza (Santa María de los Andes), Gustavo Leocadio Vieira (Brasil Centro-Norte) Jefferson Bonomo (Brasil Centro-Norte), Luciano Taminski (Brasil Sul-Amazônia), Luiz Carlos (Brasil Centro-Norte), Nathan da Costa Cardoso dos Santos (Brasil Centro-Sul) and Rafael Reinaldo Rodrigues Fernandes (Brasil Centro-Sul). During their stay in Peru, the participants were accompanied by Brothers Cesar Borja (Cruz del Sur), Isidro Azpeleta (Santa María de los Andes), Joaquim

Sperandio (Brasil Centro-Sul) and Lucio Dantas (Brasil Centro-Norte). During the meeting, the young Brothers had a cultural immersion in the Peruvian culture, with the intention of learning more about politics and religiosity. In addition, guided by Brother Ángel Medina, director of the Secretariat of Brothers Today, the Brothers studied and reflected on Marist consecrated life and the role of the young Brother in the Institute. With the aim of deepening the theory, the Brothers had experiences of solidarity in communities on the outskirts of the city of Chosica, where they came into contact with different realities of the Peruvian people. At the end of the meeting, there was a retreat led by Sister Maria Inês, former president of the Conference of Religious of Brazil, which helped the young Brothers to reflect on consecrated life and prophetism in the Church and in society. For Brother Nathan da Costa, from the Province of Brasil Centro-Sul, “this moment helped us to glimpse our future in the Institute, cultivating in us the aspect of Global Family and forging in our hearts our identity of being Marist Brothers and understanding what our role is in the project of Salvation and in the dream of our Founder”.

ARCO NORTE

# MEETING OF THE TEAM BROTHERS TODAY

The Team of Brothers Today of the Arco Norte Region met, from January 22 to 25, in the meeting house of Guatemala. Below, Brother Javier Peña spoke about the meeting.

We are a group of brothers, representatives of the different administrative units: Al Rivera, Juan Carlos, Jesús, José Miguel Caballero and I, who together with Brothers Rodrigo Espinosa, Ángel Medina and Lindley Sionosa, we seek to accompany the initial and ongoing formation, reflecting on and proposing criteria, itineraries, and experiences, to strengthen and update the identity and mission of the Brother Today in the Region. It has been a very rich time to be together, after several years of virtual meetings, to be able to share our lives and encourage each other on our journey. We want to be a reference in the promotion and accompaniment of training itineraries in the region. And contrary to discouragement and discouragement due to the decrease in new vocations, the meeting filled us with new energy because many speakers spoke to us, and all of them were full of hope, considering that this work is Mary's, and She continues to do everything among us.

Br. Hipólito Pérez, Provincial of Central America, shared with us with joy that they are celebrating one hundred years of the Marist presence in these lands. He is grateful for all the good that has been done and affirms that, with renewed strength, the province is launching itself to generate and care for Marist life, with a look at the Arco Norte region.

Br. Rodrigo Espinosa, executive secretary of the region, invited us: to see with hope our work of helping other regions, to outline efforts jointly strengthened by the Global pact launched by the Church, the Champagnat Global meeting that speaks to us of a convening power, and fills us with enthusiasm.

We took some time to share the surveys that we had sent to various brothers, and knowing them was a grace, seeing the passage of God in the lives of so many brothers in the region. We try to listen to the needs, and we will humbly try to respond to them.

Brothers Ángel and Lindley, directors of the Brothers Today Secretariat, enlightened us on the courses that the Institute is offering and on the progress of the revision of the Formation Guide. And we joyfully conclude that it is worth being a Marist Brother today. We must revive hope. overcome numerical pessimism. In the Institute there are vocations! We were born because there was a need for education that the state was



not attending to. We will have to go to the peripheries, where no one takes care of migrants, refugees, and minority groups. Aware that these are the keys at the institute level: building networks, connecting, and interculturality. Religious life, in the future, will be intercultural or it will not be. An attitude of global availability is essential, fostering the spirituality of the heart.

Br. Omar Peña Jacobo enlightened us with an interesting talk about young people, culture, and vocation, where we were verified various ideas that our surveys showed. We had a virtual meeting with the responsible Brothers for accompaniment of scholastic brothers. We were very pleased to greet them and hear what they are experiencing in the different countries. The Brothers who participated were Giles, Javier Bometón, Giovanni, Julián Olmo, Juan Antonio Sandoval, Alejandro Herrera, Antidio Bolivar, Jean Mance, Angelito, Albert, Ángel Medina, Juan Carlos, Javier Peña, Omar, Rodrigo Espinosa, Jesús Hernández, José Miguel, Lindley Sinosa, Hipólito and Luis Carlos.

Two members of the Marist Laity enlightened us: Ana Saborío, from the extended secretariat of the laity, and Claudia Rojas Carbajal, coordinator of the Marist Laity of Arco Norte, who clarified many doubts and concerns, especially in initial joint formation.

We finished with a trip to Antigua Guatemala and dinner together. Happy for having lived these days in fraternity and working for the brothers of the Region.

Br. Javier Peña

## marist world

KENYA: REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCILS OF AFRICA – NAIROBI



NETHERLANDS: LAUNCHING OF THE “NEW BEGINNINGS” PROGRAM AT LEERHUIS WESTERHELLING.



EL SALVADOR: MARIST CENTENARY INAUGURATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA AT THE SALVADORAN LYCEUM



PERU: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MARIST SCHOOLS IN LIMA HELD A REFLECTIVE RETREAT.



GUATEMALA: SUPERIORS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS OF THE ARCO NORTE REGION



SPAIN: MARIST YOUTH MOVEMENTS ASSEMBLY OF CATALONIA

## ARCO NORTE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The councils of the six Northern Arc Administrative Units are meeting in Guatemala, January 27-31. The Region of Arco Norte is composed of the provinces of the United States, México Central, México Occidental, Norandina, América Central and the District of Canada. The theme of the meeting is “Caring and Generating Marist Life.”

The assembly has as objectives:

- Get to know each other personally and recognize each other as a regional community
- Dialogue on the reality of our region
- Seek collaboration and synergy between the different teams

Approval of operational strategies of the regional teams.

Together with the superiors and councils of the administrative units, Brothers Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, João Carlos do Prado and Ken McDonald, General Councillors for the liaison with Arco Norte, are also present; the different coordinators



who make up the Regional Council, the executive secretary of the América Sur Region, and those in charge of communications for the Provinces of Central America and Western Mexico are also present.

[Photos en Facebook](#)

SPAIN

# THE TEAMS OF THE MARIST EUROPE REGION UPDATE THE STRATEGIC PLAN



The Coordination Assembly of the **Marist Europe Region**, which includes the Provinces of **Ibérica**, **West Central Europe**, **Compostela**, **Hermitage** and **Mediterránea**, met January 16-18 in Valencia, Spain, to continue working on the new Strategic Plan 2025 and to project the future of the Region.

Among the participants, there were Br. Gabriel Villa-Real, Provincial of the Hermitage and representative of the European Regional Council; Br. Teodorino Aller, Regional Secretary; Brothers Patxi García and Christophe Schietse, members of the Regional Secretariat; Brothers Albert André, Javier Gragera, Román Álvarez, Álex Mena and Pau Tristany, members of the Mission Council. Also present were the coordinators of Solidarity (Belén Salas), Pastoral (Br. Andoni González), Protection of Minors (Fernando Domínguez), Brothers (Br. Damiano Forlani), Laity (Marta Portas), Economy (Alfonso García) and Communication (Víctor Recuerda).

During the three days of the assembly, the Marist coordinators were able to cover eighteen projects, detailed in actions. Among the topics discussed, the following stand out:

- Information on the current pastoral and educational situation of the five Provinces;
- Revision of the educational motto 2023-24;
- Review of the strategic initiatives of the region;
- Projection of pastoral activities for the 2022-23 academic year;
- Review of the governance model of the Marist Region of Europe;

- Presentation of the European Marist project, under the title “Vision 2025 MRE”.

Likewise, the Region wanted to connect the Strategic Plan of the MRE with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out in the global agenda as elements to be taken into account in the activity of any international organization, such as Maristas Europe.

“We have to look beyond”, explained Brother Teodorino Aller, head of the Regional Secretariat, as he spoke of the organizational chart of the MRE, with the Regional Council at the center, flanked by the Mission Council, Marist Life and the other teams, considered as transversal.

The working days of the assembly were coordinated by Brothers Patxi Garcia and Christophe Schietse. The two confreres were also in charge of the moments of prayer and reflections. Apart from these work plans, which ended on Wednesday, January 18, the Mission Council of Europe (MCE) has used one more day to take advantage of this meeting to concretize the main points that have to do with information, revision and projections of educational action in the five current Marist provinces.

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## PROVINCE OF NORANDINA

## TEACHERS' TRAINING MEETING IN ECUADOR

From January 19 to 21, a meeting of the directors of the seven schools of **Ecuador, Province of Norandina**, was held to reflect on the theme "Leadership and educational management: looking to the future".

The three days of the meeting were centered on three main themes: Marist family spirit and leadership, educational innovation and sharing the mission.

The activity was directed by the mission council and the national education team, who developed various workshops that allowed fraternal sharing focused on several themes:

- Marist Leadership What kind of leader do you want to be?
- Global Educational Pact
- Launching of the formation plan for the Valla al L'Hermitage.
- Socialization of the functions manual
- Active learning methodologies
- Protocols in situations of violence



- Code of Ethics
- Administrative management of Marist works.

After this formative and fraternal space, the teachers planned the different projects to be carried out this year in the Ecuadorian Marist works.

## BRASIL CENTRO-SUL

## CARRIES OUT A SOLIDARITY MISSIONARY INITIATIVE IN GUARAQUEÇABA

More than thirty students from the Marist schools of Santa Maria, Paranaense and Anjo da Guarda of the Province of **Brasil Centro-Sul** took part, from January 17-20, in the traditional Marist Solidarity Mission which this year took place in Guaraqueçaba. The project is part of the provincial program of Marist Volunteers, promoting the development of socio-educational activities with the children and young people of a chosen place, during this vacation period in the country.

The students made visits to the communities of Guaraqueçaba, activities with children and young people. They also actively participated in the revitalization of a space that has become a park with toys for children thanks to donations collected by the students.

For Bruno Socher, head of the Province's Identity, Mission and Vocation office, the project, which was not carried out during the Covid-19 pandemic and resumed this year, aims to educate in solidarity. "I believe that understanding the context in which we are inserted and carrying out a volunteer activity that has benefit improvement within a community brings unique and very valuable experiences for everyone", he said. Speaking of the Marist presence in Guaraqueçaba, where there



is a Social School called "Unidade Ir. Panin", Ana Karla Alves, pedagogical coordinator of the educational center, said: "Our projects try to empower people and create social protagonism, as well as to promote the participation of the family and the whole community, which is why the Solidarity Mission is so important". The Province of Brasil Centro-Sul believes that volunteering meets the desires of the Marist ideal, making possible the establishment of a more just, humane and fraternal society. In [this link](#) there is more information about volunteering in the Province

27 JANUARY

# INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

The extermination of six million Jews by the Nazis across Europe in the 1930s and 1940s was a nightmare. As if this was not enough, the 20th century also witnessed genocides in Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Rwanda and ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia. In memory of the victims of these calamities, the United Nations General Assembly in 2005 designated January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of the largest Nazi extermination camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau, by Soviet troops in 1945, as the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This day aims at raising awareness about contemporary forms of antisemitism, xenophobia, hatred, hate speech, extremism and totalitarian regimes which create conditions for genocide.

Despite efforts made to prevent human calamities, conflicts claiming thousands of lives continue to plague society today fueled by extremist ideologies and hate speech. The Holocaust did not start with extermination camps but with hate speech against the Jews and the enactment of antisemitic laws by the Nazis between 1933 and 1938. This situation worsened as hundreds of Jews were tortured and arrested and their businesses and synagogues destroyed. This wave of attacks gradually normalized violence against the Jews and their persecution intensified when the Nazis invaded Poland on September 01, 1939, and the Second World War started.

### Spread of divisive rhetoric and hate speech

Public incitement of people to hatred and violence have been increasing in recent years and its scale and impact are now amplified by new communication devices. Today, social media have become platforms for the spread of divisive rhetoric and hate speech. Disturbing wave of xenophobia and intolerance is happening on social media. Incidents related to this have resulted in killings of innocent people, attacks on places of worship



and calls for reprisals on individuals or communities. The hate speech phenomenon is a menace to democratic values, social stability, and peace as it impedes pluralism and diversity and undermines the fundamental rights and values upon which democracy is founded.

### Be a prophetic reminder of the fundamental equality

We are one human family. Based on this teaching of the Catholic Church, our XXII General Chapter calls on all Marists of Champagnat to realize Marcellin's dream of a global Marist family by engaging in bridge-building and networking. This entails allowing ourselves to be challenged by the needs of the world around us, be a prophetic reminder of the common dignity and fundamental equality of the entire People of God, move away from a culture shaped by "ego-s" and adopt that of the "eco-s" to reduce the scandal of indifference and inequality, and be messengers of peace and living by Gospel values.

As our culture becomes indifferent in the face of the world's challenges, the Catholic social teaching reminds us that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live because we are one human family, whatever our national, ethnic origins, economic, and ideological differences. Hence, practicing solidarity means loving our neighbours. This virtue is described by John Paul II in his encyclical 'Sollicitudo Rei Socialis' as a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; to the good of all and of everyone, because we are all responsible for all.

Brother Francis Lukong – Secretariat of Solidarity

## GENERAL HOUSE

# “MARISTS FOR UKRAINE” – FIRST INTERVENTION IMPLEMENTED IN DECEMBER 2022



The project was implemented in December 2022 within the initiative “**Marists for Ukraine**” promoted by **FMSI**, Secretariat of Solidarity and Secretariat of Education and Evangelization and the recently signed Memorandum of understanding between Community Santo Egidio and **FMSI**. The total amount of 15.000 € (allocated through the instrument “Marist Global Family Fund for Humanitarian Emergencies”) has been invested for the purchase of goods (in this case exclusively food items), based on lists received from local people and organizations supported by the Community of S. Egidio, and then dispatched through container trucks. Food baskets have been distributed through the distribution Centres in Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Kiev. Beneficiaries are around 10.000 people in vulnerable conditions in Ukraine, in particular minors and more fragile families, people with disabilities, in conditions of extreme poverty and homeless. Details on the food purchased and distributed: 20 Tonns of food divided into 31 pallets:

- 4 pallets of Pasta (especially spaghetti, but not only)
- 3 pallets of Rice
- 3 pallets of Cereals (couscous and similar)
- 1 pallet of Muesli
- 2 pallets of Legumes (peas, beans, etc)
- 1 pallet of Corn
- 1 pallet of Olives
- 3 pallets of Long-keeping canned fish (mackerel, salmon, tuna, anchovies)
- 3 pallets of Long-life canned meat
- 2 pallets of Tomato concentrate
- 1 pallet of Milk powder
- 1 pallet of Homogenized food
- 2 pallet of Cookies
- 2 pallets of Knorr soups/risotto (ready-made)
- 1 pallets of Snacks
- 1 pallet of Long-life salami

[See how to participate](#)

LAY MARIST VOCATION  
**RUAH**

The meeting that marked the 3rd Stage of the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation, held in Rome from November 4 to 11, 2022, was characterized by the song “Ruah”. It is the result of a reflection, of a preparatory meeting during the International Forum, of the Extended Secretariat of the Laity with the facilitators, Br. Graham Neist, Vanderlei Soela and Br. Toni Torrelles, regarding the songs about the Holy Spirit, recognizes his active presence in the Church.

In addition to the reflections of the participants at the meeting, the following excerpt from Cardinal Martini’s text was used as inspiration: “The Spirit of God is present today as much as in the time of Jesus and the Apostles... He exists and acts, he comes before us, he works more and better than we do. It is not up to us to sow it, nor to awaken it, but above all to recognize it, receive it, support it, open a path for it and follow it. On the other hand, he smiles, dances invades, involves, embraces, and goes as far as we could never have imagined. In the face of the current crisis, which is the loss of the sense of the invisible and transcendence, the crisis of the sense of God, the Spirit is playing his victorious game in the small and invisible.”

After this discourse, Br. Toni presented the song Ruah, which the participants, lay and Brothers, sang at many moments of the meeting in Rome.

The version we share, in Portuguese, was produced by the Province of Brasil Sul-Amazônia, organized by Gustavo Balbinot, and sung with the participation of the team of the provincial house of Porto Alegre

You will then find several options, including a playback version, where you can make the version in your language. On youtube, activate the subtitles to choose the language of the song lyrics.

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**LYRICS**

Ruah, Ruah, Ruah, uuuhhh  
 You fill the story with your light; you embrace me with your faithfulness.  
 I walk along despite the doubt, with your song as company,  
 Ruah. O spirit of life.  
 In every moment you are there; my heart ponders your great kindness.  
 Always inspiring all i do, making me proclaim my “yes”, Ruah.  
 O spirit of faith.  
 Ruah, Ruah, Ruah, uuuhhh  
 I see your face in love sincere, shown by those whose heart is where you dwell.  
 You are with me i am not alone, leading me on righteous path,  
 Ruah. O spirit of peace.  
 You are the breath i take each day; every plan and action speak of you.  
 Moving in rhythm the dance of life, there is joy and harmony,  
 Ruah. O spirit of god.



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