

## 22 de Julho Teaching Network: next steps of the Caianinho School



Meeting of the Working Group of the 22 de Julho Network: increased participation | Photo: Isaac Amorim

In Brasilia, on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, a meeting took place of the Working Group of the Management Committee responsible for the development of the implementation plan of the 22 de Julho Network, the Caianinho School. This Working Group, coordinated by Mestre Almir Nahas, has the task of elaborating the plan, which will be evaluated by the Management Committee and delivered to the General Directorate for further approval by CONAGE, by the end of this triennium.

Among the content, reflections and procedures presented, it was defined that the Working Group would soon give ample information to the irmandade of the UDV about the current status of the work and of the next steps, in addition to opening the possibilities for participation for all those interested, especially for those brothers and sisters of the UDV with more experience in the area of Education.

During the meeting, the General Representative Mestre, Paulo Afonso Amato Condé, emphasized the new moment of the School Project, now under the responsibility of the Management Committee of the DG (General Directorate), and reinforced the necessity that *“each step be taken with certainty, seeking simplicity and embracing all of the contributions from all those who wish to see one more word of Mestre Gabriel be fulfilled, that one day the UDV will have a school.”*

Mestre Edson Saraiva Neves, who initiated the study of the Caianinho School in 2015, expressed a wish that the next steps of this work be inspired by one of King Solomon’s proverbs:

*“To learn wisdom and discipline;  
To understand the words of insight;  
To acquire the discipline for victory  
Righteousness, justice and equity;  
To impart prudence to the simple;  
The young with knowledge and foresight  
... Let the wise listen and gain more wisdom  
And the discerning learn the skill  
Of understanding proverbs and epigrams  
The mysteries and the words of the Wise.”*

## Meeting of the Instructive Body of the 17<sup>th</sup> Region

A Meeting of the Instructive Body of the 17<sup>th</sup> Region took place on March 9<sup>th</sup>, on the property of Núcleo Cruzeiro Sul, in the city of Cruzeiro do Sul (AC). During this meeting, despite the difficulties of traveling within the Region, 65% of the Instructive Body was present.

The calendar of events began on the 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday), with a Session of the Direction. The following day, an Administrative meeting for the Instructive Body took place, led by Mestre Iber Pancrácio, the office manager of the General Directorate. During the afternoon, Mestre Antônio de Pádua, the Representative Mestre of Núcleo Fortaleza (Fortaleza-CE) and consultant of the DMC-DG, gave a lecture about the life of Mestre Gabriel. At 8:00pm, an Instructive Character Session was held, directed by the General Representative Mestre.

The words of Mestre Gastão Menezes Costa Neto (Central Mestre of the 17<sup>th</sup> Region): *“This meeting was a unique moment for us of the 17th Region. To have the MGR here with us as well as some other people from the General Directorate showing us what the General Administration of the UDV is doing with the resources that it receives from the irmandade in a clear way. For us, it was a moment of material and spiritual growth, where we can feel the União do Vegetal closer to us. Our wish is that other opportunities like this can repeat and thus see prosperity arrive in our Region.”*

Mestre James Cameli (Representative Mestre of Núcleo Cruzeiro do Sul) expressed his gratitude for the presence of the General Representative Mestres, for the brothers and sisters from the General Directorate and from the entire Instructive Body present, recognizing that *“this Meeting with the Instructive Body demonstrated the attention and the importance that the General Representation and Directorate has with the disciples of the União do Vegetal. It was a moment where we could strengthen the bonds of friendship and get to know better the work carried out by the General Directorate and how the material resources are being allocated for the expansion of the União do Vegetal.”*

## Sistemas Agroflorestais serão implantados em todas as Regiões em 2019



The 11<sup>th</sup> Region received one of the Agroforestry Systems implemented by the DPMA: strengthening of the plantation | Photo: Davi Raulino 2017

Mestre Raimundo Mauro Carneiro Filho, Assistant Director of the National Department of Plantation and Environment, explained that the SAFs (Agroforestry Systems) Project in the Plantations of the União do Vegetal is taking place in this triennium, but that it was initiated in September 2018, with the elaboration and approval of the Project in the Management Committee and in CONAGE.

*“This year, we have already implemented in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Regions, and we will implement in all 17 Regions of Brazil by the end of the year, with the objective to improve and strengthen our plantations, providing our sacred plants with forest environments with a good overall biodiversity of firewood, fruit bearing, food producing and forest species.”*

According to him, this practice creates systems that are more similar to the original systems of our Sacred Plants, and it strengthens the environment where they are located by providing more health and vitality to our plantations, in addition to creating an integration of the plantio teams through the study and the dynamic that the Agroforestry systems provide.

*“This work is only made possible because of the Faixa Adicional, which was implemented in the previous term,”* explained the General Representative Mestre.