

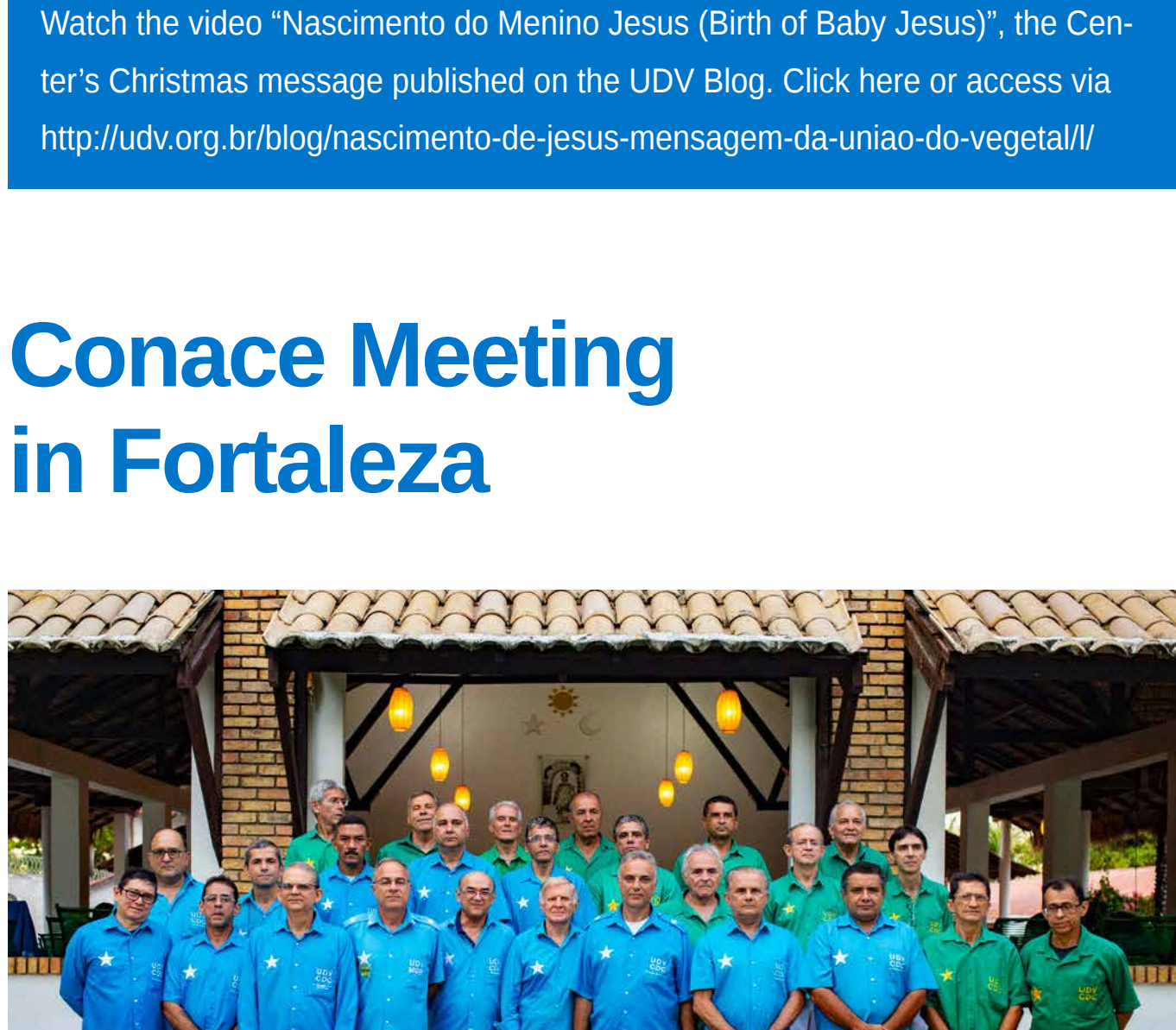
Message from the General Representative Mestre

May the love of Baby Jesus be present in the heart of each person during this year of 2019 and may it transform into good words and especially into beautiful examples. May the force of forgiveness also be present in every heart and in every home.

May God bless everyone and may we have a year of peace and renewal.

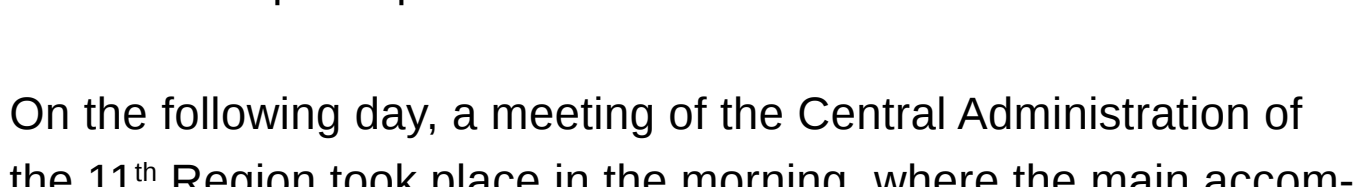
M. Paulo Afonso Amato Condé

General Representative Mestre



Watch the video "Nascimento do Menino Jesus (Birth of Baby Jesus)", the Center's Christmas message published on the UDV Blog. Click here or access via <http://udv.org.br/blog/nascimento-de-jesus-mensagem-da-uniao-do-vegetal/>

Conace Meeting in Fortaleza



Mestre members of Conace and guests along with the MGR Paulo Afonso and M. Tadeo, President of the DG. Photo: DMC/11th Region

The Conace – Council of Central Administration of the 11th Region, met on November 23rd and 24th in N. Tucunacá, with the presence of M. Paulo Afonso Amato Condé, the General Representative Mestre. A session was held on the first day of the Meeting, which included the participation of some invited Mestres.

On the following day, a meeting of the Central Administration of the 11th Region took place in the morning, where the main accomplishments from the previous year of the Department of Plantation and Environment, Beneficence and Spiritual Orientation for Children and Youth were shared. The meeting was coordinated by M. Antônio Barros, from N. Mestre Adamir, the Regional Coordinator of the General Directorate.

In the afternoon, M. Paulo Afonso directed a Session of the Direction, which included 222 Mestres and Counselors from all the Núcleos of the Region. During this opportunity, clarity was provided about some of the recent decisions from Conage – Council of General Administration.

"These moments between the General Representation and the Regions are important, both to convey some of our thoughts and to listen, talk about and understand how the Region is doing. I felt happy at this Meeting and satisfied to see the Region well organized and well run," stated the General Representative Mestre.

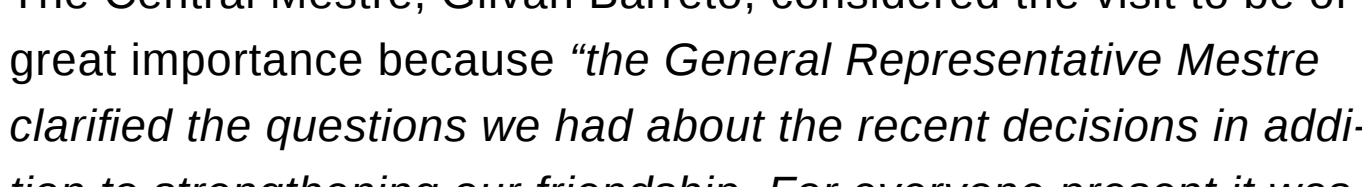
"To align with the thought of the General Representation is very important in the Preparation of Leaders. In this sense, the Direction is invited to participate in one of the Sessions. Our joy and gratitude for the good teachings and spiritual orientations transmitted in a clear and friendly way. These Meetings were very useful and empowering for the entire Direction of the 11th Region," reinforced M. Luiz Martins Bomfim Filho, the Central Mestre, M. Luiz Martins Bomfim Filho.

M. Paulo Afonso interacts with the youth at a round-table discussion

The presence of the General Representative Mestre in the Conace of the 11th Region on November 23rd and 24th at N. Tucunacá also mobilized the youth, who held a round-table discussion with M. Paulo Afonso.

In a relaxed way, he answered questions and shared some of his life stories and experiences with everyone. It was a light-hearted and beneficial moment for everyone present.

MGR directs Sessions in Recife and Caruaru

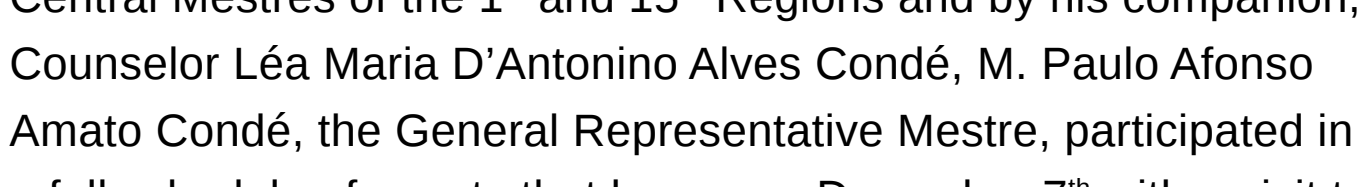


Session of the Direction in (PE) - Photo: Fábio Felicato.

With the presence of the Central Mestre, his Assistants and 11 Representative Mestres, the General Representative Mestre directed a session for 160 members of the QM and CDC from the Region, in N. Mãe Gloriosa (Recife-PE). The following day, he was at N. Pau D'arco (Caruaru-PE), where he directed an Escala Session with the presence of approximately 400 associates from Núcleos Pau D'arco, Mouraia and São José.

The Central Mestre, Gilvan Barreto, considered the visit to be of great importance because *"the General Representative Mestre clarified the questions we had about the recent decisions in addition to strengthening our friendship. For everyone present it was an opportunity to get to know him better and to support the way that the directs and manages our Sacred UDV."*

General Representative Mestre visits the 15th Region



Round-table Discussion with members of the Direction in Cacoal - Photo: Elizio Rodrigues

Accompanied by M. Mário Filho, General Assistant Mestre, by the Central Mestres of the 1st and 15th Regions and by his companion, Counselor Léa Maria D'Antonino Alves Condé, M. Paulo Afonso Amato Condé, the General Representative Mestre, participated in a full schedule of events that began on December 7th with a visit to a reinado of mariri (an area where many mariri are located) in the Colorado forest in Oeste-RO.

On the same day, he directed a session for close to 200 associates in N. Sereno de Luz, in Vilhena-RO. The following day, in Cacoal-RO, a round-table discussion was held with members of the Direction, where the General Representative Mestre brought orientations about many subjects and departments, including the Plantation of Mariri and Chacrona, actions of the Spiritual Orientation for Children and Youth, Workplace safety within the Center and the Preparation of Leaders. That evening, a session was held for the Direction with the presence of 112 people.

On December 9th, an Extra Session was held at N. Mestre Manoel Bento (Rolim de Moura - RO) with the participation of approximately 320 people.

"Gratitude and joy are words that express the sentiment of the Direction for the very special, strengthening moments that we experienced," affirmed M. Eldo Rodrigues de Oliveira, the Central Mestre of the 15th Region, who observed the *"force of friendship continuing to grow in the heart of the União"*.

M. Paulo Afonso expressed his contentment with the schedule of events, above all *"for finding a peaceful region seeking to do the work of the União with friendship and consideration for everyone. I feel very good among you and I hope to be present in this region once again, which I came to know soon after I arrived to the União and of which I have carried many fond memories throughout my walk."*



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The conservation of the treasure in the Jardim da Realeza (Royal Garden)

On December 15th and 16th, the 1st Seed Bank Network was installed at N. Jardim da Realeza, in Santa Luzia-AC (near Cruzeiro do Sul-AC).

The formation of the Seed Bank Network has the objective of creating a reserve of genetic material with a diversity of native mariri and chacrona to be conserved in Núcleos of the UDV, with the support and supervision of the General Directorate.

The project aims to ensure that the quality of our sacred plants is maintained to be as close as possible to what we have today in our plantations and in the native forests for future generations.

The President of the Department of Plantation and Environment, M. Reinaldo Pereira, highlighted the important relevance of the Seed Bank Network of attending to the União do Vegetal: *"We can affirm that the implementation of this first Bank is a milestone in the Center's history and an important achievement for everyone who is dedicating themselves to this victorious journey."*

Two other Seed Bank Networks will be installed in the first half of 2019; one in Ouro Preto do Oeste-RO and the other in Belém-PA.

CORRECTIONS:

Núcleo Luz Boa is located in the Metropolitan Region of Lisbon and not in Sintra, as was mentioned in the previous edition of Em Tempo Real