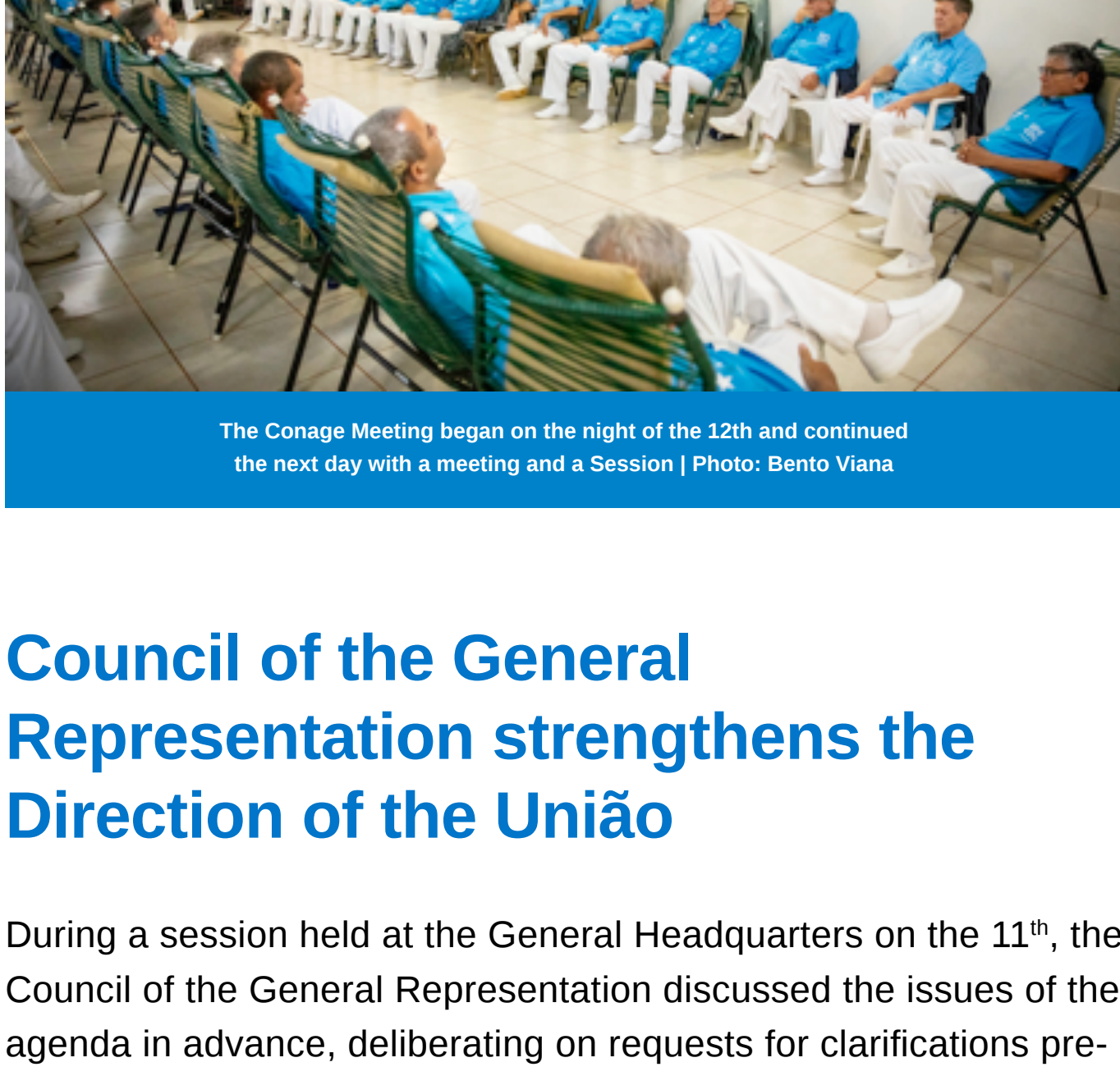


## Bodies of the General Administration meet in Brasilia

From April 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, the Council of the General Representation (CRG), the Management Committee of the General Directorate and the Council of the General Administration (Conage) met in Brasilia for important deliberations.



The Conage Meeting began on the night of the 12th and continued the next day with a meeting and a Session | Photo: Bento Viana

## Council of the General Representation strengthens the Direction of the União

During a session held at the General Headquarters on the 11<sup>th</sup>, the Council of the General Representation discussed the issues of the agenda in advance, deliberating on requests for clarifications presented by the Regions.

The General Representative Mestre considered the Meeting to be of great significance, highlighting the importance of this Council in the strengthening of the Direction of the UDV:

*“It’s important to count on these experienced Counselors (members of the Council of the General Representation) who have given important service to the conduction of the Center. The members of this Council offer valuable contributions to the improvement and strengthening of our Sacred União”, he stated.*

## Management Committee approved new regulations and the Ethical Principles for the administrative management

On the 12<sup>th</sup>, at the office of the General Directorate, the Management Committee of the General Directorate met, with the presence of the President of the Center and with members of the General Representation, including the General Representative Mestre. The Working Groups established at the previous Meeting presented some proposals that were analyzed and approved by the Committee, together with the General Representation. Among the subjects that were heard are the following: The Bylaws of the Scientific Commission; the Internal Rule of the Management Committee; the Bylaws of the Editorial Committee and the Ethical Principles for the administrative management of the Center.

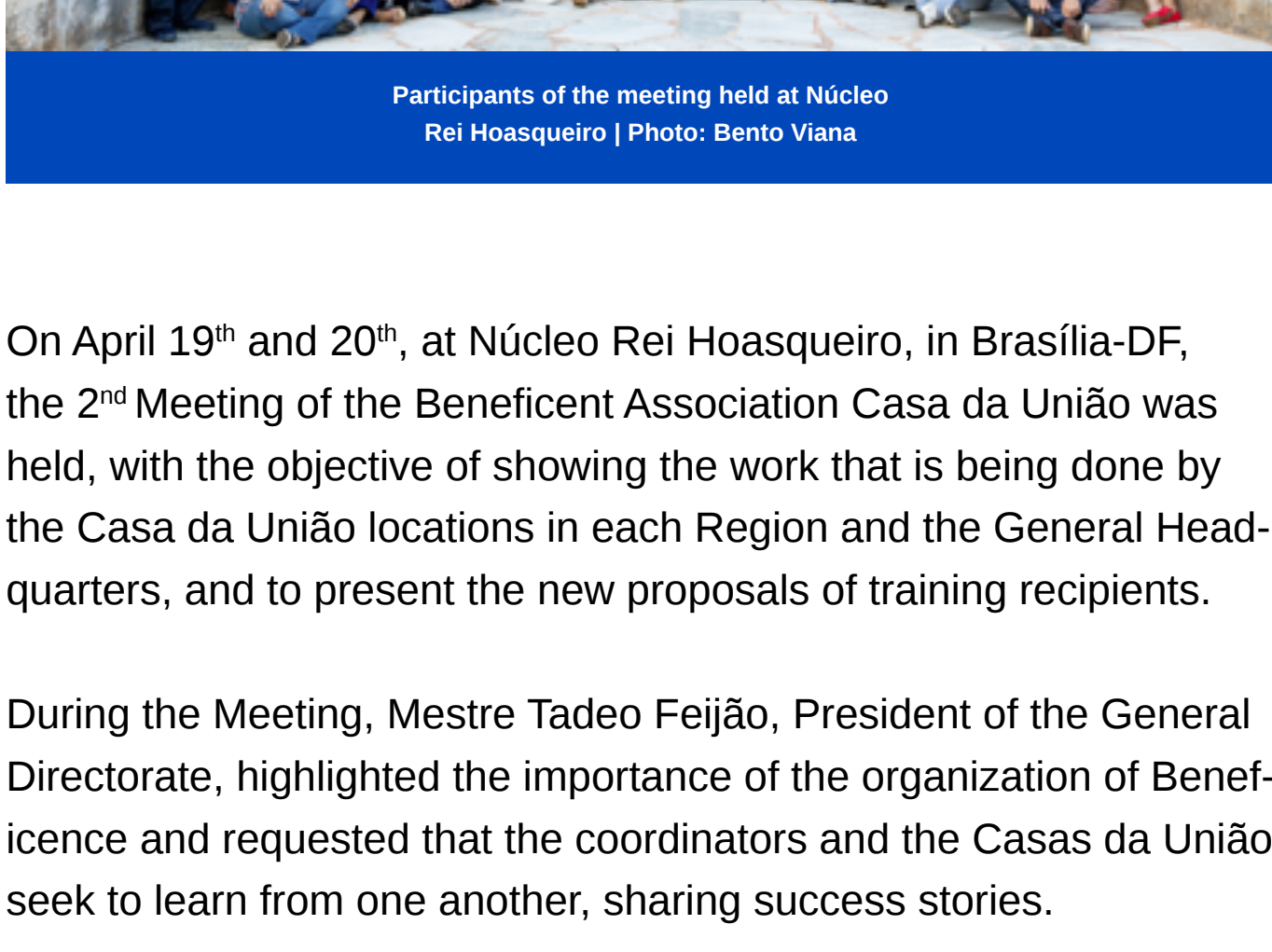
## General Directorate presents the advancements in the management of the Center to Conage

The Conage Meeting began on the evening of the 12th and continued into the following day, with a meeting and Session. On this occasion, the General Directorate presented an overview of the management, highlighting the advancements that are being made possible thanks to Projects such as Faixa Adicional, Mercado Inca and Nossa Loja.

*“The growth of the Beneficence, the structuring of projects that will give great visibility to the Center, the implementation of the dreamed about Seed Bank Network, the Agroforestry Systems courses that are being promoted in all of the Regions, the improvement of the Center’s communication and the production of such beautiful videos, are just a small part of what the UDV can do if we unite our efforts and work in Union.”* Mestre Tadeo Feijão – President of the DG

During the Meeting, the deliberations of the Management Committee were presented and the abbreviation UDV-Science was approved for the Scientific Commission of the Center. There were also two Working Groups created: the first to review instructions with respect to celebrating Marriages and the second to revise the Consolidation of the Laws.

## Beneficence Meeting reinforces importance of the Casas da União working together



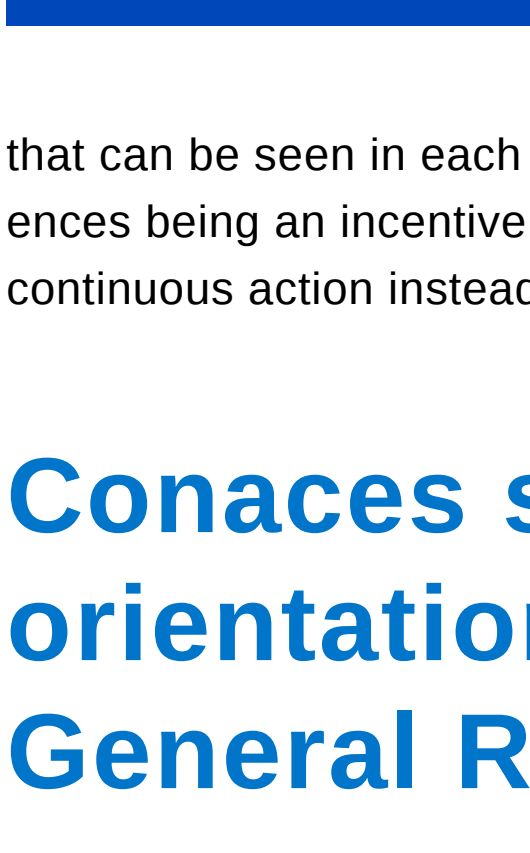
Participants of the meeting held at Núcleo Rei Hoasqueiro | Photo: Bento Viana

On April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, at Núcleo Rei Hoasqueiro, in Brasília-DF, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Beneficent Association Casa da União was held, with the objective of showing the work that is being done by the Casa da União locations in each Region and the General Headquarters, and to present the new proposals of training recipients.

During the Meeting, Mestre Tadeo Feijão, President of the General Directorate, highlighted the importance of the organization of Beneficence and requested that the coordinators and the Casas da União seek to learn from one another, sharing success stories.

The General Representative Mestre, Paulo Afonso Amato Condé, oriented that the term “Beneficence” in the name of the Center requires a movement on behalf of good and a donation of ourselves. And he reminded that Mestre Gabriel, in the letter that he wrote while hospitalized, where he speaks about Gia, requested the brothers and sisters to attend to him and write to him because *“in this way the União shines more.”*

*“This Beneficence Meeting was one more step in the sense of consolidating and structuring this important action within the Center, which makes up part of Mestre Gabriel’s Heart. Contributing with this important mission is not too much work, it is a donation for ourselves and for the growth of the União.”* Paulo Afonso Amato Condé - General Representative Mestre



Mestre Mario Lucio de Souza,  
President of the Beneficent  
Association Casa da União.  
Photo: Bento Viana

The President of the Beneficent Association Casa da União, Mestre Mario Lucio de Souza, gave a lecture about Beneficence and Spirituality showing, through examples of the Mestre, how we should do good: “with care, discretion, attention and love for our neighbor.”

He also emphasized that in this Meeting, 17 of the 19 representatives of all the Regions of Brazil and abroad highlighted the actions that can be seen in each Casa da União, this sharing of experiences being an incentive for the Regions to improve projects of continuous action instead of just specific actions.

## Conaces share orientations of the General Representation

A series of meetings of the Councils of Central Administration (Conaces) were held during this period with the objective of taking the results of the Conage Meeting to the Regions, in Sessions with the presence of members of Conage and the General Representation.

*“It is our thought to work to strengthen this important decision-making body, composed of experienced Mestres who can support the Representative Mestres, especially in the preparation and improvement of the leaders of the Region.”*

Paulo Afonso Amato Condé - General Representative Mestre