

**SUMMARY OF THE LINK UP**  
**2nd May 2015**

**“Inventing Peace”**

**This edition of the link up seeks to:**

- Strengthen, once again, awareness and sharing with those who suffer in situations of violence, terrorism, wars and natural disasters, so as to encourage the commitment to help all those affected as far as possible.
- By looking at Loppiano in its 50th anniversary year, to make known the permanent Mariapolises which, despite the challenges faced by people today, and through everyone’s commitment, show that a united world is possible.

**50 years after the founding of Loppiano**

*Testimonies from today and from the beginnings of the first little town of the Focolare Movement.*

*Experiences of life: reciprocity which gives new life to a business despite the economic crisis.*

*The Lionello Bonfanti industrial area: a place where a new economic culture is nurtured.*

*And... more.*

**Bolivar: a place on the Peruvian Andes**

*The encounter with a people who live 5,000 meters above sea level on the Andes in Peru and the reciprocity which developed through a project to build a school (AMU).*

**In places of suffering and conflict**

- **Nairobi (Kenya)** – *testimony from those who were there. The sense of loss and suffering of the country after the terrorist attacks and the death of over 140 students. How to bring love and hope.*
- **Aleppo (Syria)** – *a community which, in the context of destruction and a disappearing future, continues to live, to believe and to be strong, rooted in the Word and in mutual love.*

**Action in various parts of the world**

- *From Maracaibo in Venezuela to Yogyakarta in Indonesia*
- *From “Living Peace” in Egypt to the United World Week, with the main event being held in India.*

**Dialogue** with *Maria Voce (Emmaus)* e *Jesús Morán*

**Chiara Lubich: excerpts from her speech to the United Nations Assembly, 28<sup>th</sup> May 1997.**