

## INTERNATIONAL SUMMER UNIVERSITY TONALESTATE 2024

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

“Death came from the skies” stated a president of the USA on Japanese soil, talking about the dropping of the atomic bomb, as Professor Kuznick reminded us.

But from the skies it’s not death that comes, if anything, it’s always life. Only from men’s heart, as we painfully saw and heard during these days of the International Summer University, can death and evil come.

We have seen it and heard it because we cannot close our eyes, ears and hearts in front of the pain that human beings everywhere go through, we cannot seek refuge in an illusory bourgeois wellbeing.

If it’s life that comes from the skies, and not death, and if death can only come from our heart, we must take care of that in the first place, so that from it can flow life.

We must, as it was recalled to us, risk on the heart of human beings, because, against every lie, our heart is “capax dei”, which means that it’s able to welcome and receive the good and the beautiful that comes from the skies.

The Tonalestate International Summer University was born because it has always risked and taken care of the heart of human beings, just as its creator, Professor Riva, had always done with innumerable generations of both young and adult people.

Don’t let us be fooled, don’t let us be told lies: human beings aren’t enemies, our cultures aren’t enemies, we have a common origin and a common destiny; so, let’s use this time that was given to us not in order to “win”, because it’s not about who’s winning, but in order to help each other to “push us forward” in the sea that is life, our common life, to research peace.

Today, the Tonalestate International Summer University strongly asks every person in a position of power to stop every war and form of violence and to risk peace.

We, here, don’t want to win. We want to build and work for the integral good of every human being, because, to us, they are all brothers and sisters.

I invite everyone to help in this call and in this work for a new humanism in which bread, peace and work are for everyone and I invite everyone to support, with their

own material and intellectual resources, this university experience of Tonalestate, because “time has shortened” and it’s time to commit and decide. The silence has become unbearable.

And so, let’s strive to work well and let there be peace.

Shalom.

Salaam.

Paz.

Pace.

Paix.

Spokiy.

Mir.

Hé-píng.

Samathanati.

Eiwa.

Śantiphāph.

Frieden.

Luas.

Shanti.

Peace in every country.