

# CEFLURGEM



Official Statement: Oct 9, 2024

Dear Members of CEFLURGEM-AN:

A serious matter has been brought to our attention that we must address. A civil lawsuit has recently been filed in Brazil against Paulo Roberto Silva e Souza alleging sexual transgressions as well as an employment-related dispute. While we do not yet know all the details of what happened, even the appearance of impropriety is deeply troubling and of concern.

In response to the recent claims of pastoral misconduct, CEFLURGEM-AN is taking immediate action to suspend indefinitely all invitations and permission for Paulo Roberto to tour and/or lead works within CEFLURGEM-AN churches. This decision has been made to uphold the integrity and union of our Spiritual Communities and in alignment with CEFLURGEM-AN's established Code of Ethics. We do not tolerate any form of sexual misconduct, and we take action at this time and in affinity with these established principles and standards.

Within CEFLURGEM-AN, our commitment to uphold our Code of Ethics with integrity, accountability, due process, equality and respect remains unwavering. CEFLURGEM-AN is fully committed to the safety and well-being of all members. We have established clear mechanisms and dedicated counsel to receive, investigate, and address any concerns with confidentiality and fairness. Our goal is to ensure everyone feels safe, supported, and confident that appropriate actions will be taken.

As a community of faith in union, let us stay rooted in the values of our Sacred Doctrine and the teachings in our hinários as we continue to seek clarity and healing for all.

In faith and solidarity,

CEFLURGEM-AN, Centro Eclético de Fluente Luz Universal Rita Gregório de Melo - America Norte  
Council of Protectors and Executive Council