



SISTER PARISH, INC. IGLESIAS HERMANAS

Sister Parish Administrative Update
25 July 2009

Greetings from Sister Parish, Inc.,

Interim Executive Director

The Board of Directors is happy to announce that Guatemala Regional Coordinator Ellen Moore has agreed to act as the interim Executive Director for Sister Parish as the Board continues to search for a new, permanent Executive Director.

2009 Northern Assembly of Churches Meeting and Walk In Solidarity

The annual Northern Assembly of Churches (NAC) meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church in Decorah, IA August 7-9, 2009. This meeting is a great opportunity for churches to network, discuss their relationships and provide direct feedback to the Sister Parish. Contact Kathi Mitchell (kmbovine@acegroup.cc) for more information, or to register. Please consider sending representatives from your church!

Walk In Solidarity

The Second Annual Walk in Solidarity will be held in conjunction with the NAC on Saturday, August 8th. Last year the walk raised just over \$4,000, so the goal this year is \$6,000. So if you can, come join us! If you can't attend the NAC walk, consider just walking through your community – as some of the communities in the South will be doing. If you would like to collect pledges for the walk and need a pledge sheet please email Mary (maria@sisterparish.org).

Solidarity Delegation – Mark the Date

The dates for the first ever Solidarity Delegation have been set for October 21-30, 2009. Participant will visit UPAVIM, Tierra Nueva Dos and Chichipate; and will experience home stays in two of the communities. During the trip, delegates will learn about Guatemalan history and current events, as well as the issues that have affected each of the communities visited. The trip is open to alumni, current and potential members (you are not required to be a part of a current Sister Parish linkage). The cost for the delegation is \$1025 per person, this includes all in country expenses (food, lodging and transportation) – airfare will be the responsibility of the individual. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by mid-August, so contact Mary DeCoursey (maria@sisterparish.org or (314)223.8778) soon if you are interested. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and to create a true network of Solidarity!

2009 Delegations

Now is the time to plan a delegation trip! It's not too late to travel this year, or too early to book dates for next year!

The following delegations are currently on the schedule for 2009.

July 25-August 3: Tierra Nueva 2, Chinautla, Guatemala to St. Joan of Arc, Minneapolis, MN,

August 4-12: Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Baltimore, MD to San Juan Sepalau, AltaVerapaz, Guatemala.

September 21-28: UPAVIM to Downers Grove First United Methodist Church

October 21-30: Solidarity Delegation open to all! To UPAVIM, Tierra Nueva 2 and Chichipate, Guatemala.

December 5-12: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND to Seritquiche, Alta Verapaz, Guatemala.

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*If your church would like to travel this year, please contact your Sister Parish staff liaison soon. If you have dates that you would like to hold, please remember to send in your \$500 deposit, with the dates, to PO Box 5202, Fargo, ND 58105-5202.

Please stay tuned for more updates from Sister Parish, Inc. We are constantly posting new stories, articles, and videos on the Sister Parish blog (<http://sisterparish.typepad.com>) and the Sister Parish website (www.sisterparish.org). So please send us your news and check-in to see what else is happening in Sister Parish committees. We also have a group on facebook, where we are also a Cause that can be contributed to!

Peace,
Ellen and Mary

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