

Sustainability Ministries Greater Milwaukee Synod & The Salvadoran Lutheran Church

The Salvadoran Lutheran Church is a church with a clear mission—to be a prophetic church, a public church, a church that speaks out for the voiceless, a church which places itself among the marginalized, a church which proclaims good news to the poor. The Salvadoran Lutheran Church has called us to accompany them in this mission—to join them in building hope.

The GMS El Salvador Committee helps congregations build hope and work together with the Salvadoran Lutheran Church to:

- nurture faith
- fight hunger and reduce poverty
- increase education
- promote health and wellness
- create jobs

Building Hope Together

**Endowment Fund for Pastoral Support ~
an invested fund which produces a
sustainable and basic income for pastors**

Your support will enable pastors to feed and house their families and to travel to and from their congregations.

Information is available at
www.partnerswithelsalvador.org

Visit our Web Site

www.partnerswithelsalvador.org

**Companion Synod Information
Sister Church Information
El Salvador Resources**



**Greater Milwaukee Synod
Friends for El Salvador**

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~~~ El Salvador Blogs ~~~

Tim's El Salvador Blog
<http://luterano.blogspot.com>

Linda's El Salvador Blog
<http://linda-elsalvador.blogspot.com>

Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo . . .

Brothers and Sisters in Christ . . .



"Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God."
~ Ruth 1:16b

Greater Milwaukee Synod El Salvador Committee

Meetings held the 3rd Monday
of each month at Synod Office
Conference Room
1212 S. Layton Blvd + Milwaukee

Companions in Accompaniment



Lutherans in Milwaukee have walked in solidarity with the people of El Salvador for many years. The relationship between the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA and the Salvadoran Lutheran Church was formalized in 1988 under the umbrella of the Companion Synod Program of the ELCA. We have stood together during times of war in El Salvador and post-war reconstruction. We continue our walk together as people throughout the Americas face economic hardship and the widening gap between rich and poor. What does companionship mean for us?

- Worshipping together in each other's communities and sharing experiences of faith
- Regularly holding one another up in prayer
- Supporting each other in times of joy and sadness
- Visiting in one another's homes and communities
- Learning about each other's countries and cultures
- Advocating justice for the poor
- Building the kingdom of God through support of community-based projects for economic and social development
- Working together to care for creation

Specific Relationships

- Abiding Savior & Memorial, Milwaukee & Pan de Vida, Jayaque
- Ascension, Waukesha & Agroferreteria, Usulután
- Atonement, Muskego & Espíritu de Paz, Tepeagua
- Church of the Resurrection, Pewaukee & Piedra Azul
- Cross, Milwaukee & Iglesia de la Resurrección, San Salvador
- Cross of Life, Brookfield & Cordero de Dios, Soyapango
- Galilee, Pewaukee & El Renacer de los Mártires, Monseñor Romero
- Grace, Thiensville & Mi Buen Jesús, Puerto Parada
- Holy Cross, Menomonee Falls in process
- Lake Park, Milwaukee & Llano el Coyol
- North Cape, Franksville & Jesús de la Vida, El Chipilte
- Our Saviors, West Bend & Fe y Esperanza, Nejapa
- St. John's, Brookfield & All Peoples, Milwaukee & Los Héroes de la Fe, Tonacatepeque
- St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa & Casa la Esperanza, San Salvador



GMS Relationship with Comunidad Rutilio Grande

During the time of the Salvadoran civil war, the Greater Milwaukee Synod accompanied a community of Salvadoran refugees returning from Nicaragua after eleven years of displacement. On March 15, 1991, the group founded Comunidad Rutilio Grande, named after the beloved priest who was assassinated at the start of the war.

Starting from the ground up and with the support of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, this courageous community of 55 families with 350 people purchased land for the community, built houses, started a grade school and child care center, installed electricity and built a church.



The greatest investment the Milwaukee Synod has made has been in the community's youth through a scholarship project. Our synod has assisted many students to complete high school, and some have gone on to serve as teachers and other local professionals. Our current program supports university students as a continued focus on preparing young people for employment and the ability to sustain their families. More information is on our web site.