Agenda for AMMPARO general Zoom meeting 10.12.24 at 10:00 am.

Topic: Pacifica Synod AMMPARO
Time: Oct 12, 2024 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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10: 00 I. Welcome and Opening prayer -

Mission Statement: Pacifica Synod AMMPARO provides advocacy and support services for asylees, refugees, and migrants seeking asylum regardless of country of origin. We seek to work with ELCA congregations and with local and national agencies to assist migrant families in accessing services they may need during and after the hearing process, to conduct fundraisers to assist families during transition, to provide emotional based support such as writing letters to migrants in detention centers, to provide advocacy work with local and national organizations, and to support migrant shelters facilities in the United States and Mexico.

10:05 II. Introductions-

10:10-30 III. Keynote presentation:

Karen Perez, Pequeno Mundo Especial, Psychologist

10: 30-45 IV. Updates and Opportunities-

A. Anne Voth Help with Airport Sack Lunches appreciated: Volunteers are making sack lunches at the Episcopal Diocese Office in Ocean Beach every Monday from 3-5:30 pm They are making and delivering from 250-350 sack lunches a day to help feed migrants waiting at the airport with nothing to eat. For information and/or to help, please contact Krystle

Johnson kshertz26@gmail.com Cell: 858-382-2109 or Robert Vivar rvivar@edsd.org Their sandwich sign-up is here Sandwich sign up chart . Opportunities to drop off sandwiches at the airport also available.

B. Sowing Seeds of Life and Family fundraiser November 9, 2024 5-9 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church 4761 Cass Street San Diego, California 92109 Tickets are $50 per person Enjoy an evening of live music, light appetizers and a glass of wine. Hosted by Anabelle Petersen and Blanca Fisher

C. Youth Posada Border Church and Chicano Park tour, Sunday Dec 15, 12:30-4. Meet at St Mark's Lutheran 12:30 that day (580 Hilltop Drive, Chula Vista, CA 91910). We will go to the border for worship and a Posada celebration led by Pastor Maria Santa Cruz. Following this, we will have a tour of Chicano Park led by Pastor Manuel Retamoza. We will not be crossing the border, so no passports needed. Questions? Contact Pastor Karla Halvorson pastor.stmarkscv@gmail.com

Pastor Maria Santa Cruz will also lead worship at W8 (Border Church) on Sunday, Oct 27, please arrive 1 pm. Contact Pastor Maria for more information MariaSantaCruz@pacificasynod.org

D. Pastor Maria- report on Pequeno Mundo Especial orphanage for kids with special needs and finding way to support / tour

F. Report Rapid Response Team and AMMPARO receiving an invitation to join. Anne Voth reporting.

G. Pastor Sarah Sumner-Eisenbraun update on Haitian family housing

H. Update on re-applying Distribution of our AMMPARO Pacifica Synod Grant funds

I. Report on Marleny and daughter Sofia, asylees from Guatemala Lake Elsinore

I. Report Brendan Luflos on Housing Commission and Voices of our City

J. National ELCA AMMPARO Zoom meetings occur quarterly. We'd love more Pacifica AMMPARO members to attend these meetings. The most recent Zoom meeting was May 1st at 1:00pm PDT. Contact Mary Campbell (mary.campbell@elca.org) if interested in attending any of these meetings.

K. Let's increase involvement: Sharing the stories of our migrant communities and the work the AMMPARO network is doing will generate interest and engagement, as well as increase learning. Please contact Pastor Maria Santa Cruz (mariasantacruz@pacificasynod.org). for more information on bringing a speaker to your congregation. Global Refuge Pastor Eric Shafer is available to speak/preach . Contact him at ericcshafer@hotmail.com

10:55- 11:00 VI. Closing prayer