Agenda for AMMPARO general Zoom meeting 11.9.24 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. Updates and opportunities

A. IMPORTANT- SAT NOV 9 5-9 PM FUNDRAISER AT CHRIST PACIFIC BEACH for Sowing Seeds of Life and Family, a shelter for women and girls escaping human trafficking and domestic violence in Tecate. Tickets (or if you can't come, donations) here-
https://www.flipcause.com/hosted_widget/hostedWidgetHome/MTg1Njcz

B. What happens next- ramifications of the Trump's election

Donald Trump has outlined a series of immigration policy plans for early 2025, aiming to reinstate and expand many measures from his previous term. Key proposals include:

1. Mass Deportations: Trump and his advisors are considering the use of military and local police forces to form a large-scale deportation unit, potentially involving workplace raids and public sweeps. This would include federalizing state National Guard troops, even if opposed by state officials. There are also plans to increase the use of expedited deportation procedures and potentially bypass standard due process protections using laws like the Alien Enemies Act, which could face constitutional challenges.

2. Termination of Protection Programs: Programs such as Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and humanitarian parole for various groups would be targeted for termination, affecting around 1.4 million individuals. Trump previously attempted to end these protections, and he aims to do so again.

3. Suspending Refugee Admissions: The refugee resettlement program could be paused entirely, as Trump seeks to restrict the number of refugees allowed into the U.S., potentially lowering the cap to zero.

4. Asylum Policy Changes: There are plans to make asylum requirements more stringent, reinstate policies like the Migrant Protection Protocols (Remain in Mexico), and challenge existing agreements like the Flores Settlement, which protects detained minors from lengthy detention.

These aggressive policies, if implemented, could face legal obstacles and are likely to provoke significant debate and resistance, especially concerning constitutional protections and human rights concerns. For more details, you can refer to resources from the ACLU, FactCheck.org, and PolitiFact.

HOW DO WE WANT TO RESPOND??

OTHER UPCOMING AND ON-GOING EVENTS

Friends of Friendship Park – meeting to discuss what's next

https://friendshippark.org/so/c0PC0F_Al?languageTag=en&cid=b5c9511f-11a7-4808-94de-d19477462147

To learn about our plans moving forward – and to enjoy the company of like-minded friends -- please REGISTER NOW for one (or more) of the upcoming gatherings:

-- Sat, Dec 7, 4:00 -8:00 pm Open House in La Mesa

-- Sun, Dec 8, 6:00 - 9:00 pm Social Gathering in Playas de Tijuana

-- Mon, Dec 9, 7:00 - 8:00 pm Online

-- Tues, Dec 10, 12:00 - 1:00 pm Online

B.1 Anne Voth report on PB& J challenge- (shout out to King of Kings, Eden, and San Marcos Lutheran!) Contact Anne Voth at annevoth236@gmail.com or Krystle Johnson kshertz26@gmail.com Sandwich sign-up is here Sandwich sign up chart . Opportunities to drop off sandwiches at the airport also available.

C. Brendan Lulofs, report on serving asylum seekers at the airport

D. 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

E. 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 and tour of Jewish Family Services shelter.

G. Report on 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.

J Invitation from Pastor Glen Egertson at Luther Glen

K. 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 1:00 pm PDT. Contact Mary Campbell (mary.campbell@elca.org) if interested in attending any of these meetings.

L. 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. Also Brendan Lulofs offers to come to any congregation to do a Survivors of Torture presentation and share his own story.

Anyone who wants to attend the Planning Meeting for Pacifica Synod AAMPARO is welcome. The next planning meeting will be at 11:30 am on October 29, 2024. Same Zoom Meeting ID: 814 8132 2946 Passcode: AMMPARO (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481322946?pwd=WHZZL01jOUZtd2o1UUpnR2pXODVCQT09)

Regular Meetings of PACIFICA SYNOD AAMPARO are the 2nd Saturday of every month. Zoom Meeting ID: 814 8132 2946 Passcode: AMMPARO

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PLEASE invite other people from your congregations to come to these meetings!

10:55- 11:00 VI. Closing prayer – Pastor Karla.