Agenda for AMMPARO general Zoom meeting 1.11.25 at 10:00 am.

Topic: Pacifica Synod AMMPARO
Time: Jan 11,2025 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-

10:10-40 III. Updates and opportunities

A. Review of Dec 15 Posada event
B. Know Your Rights Events
   a. ACLU online Know your Rights event Jan 9-
   b. Bethlehem
   c. Our Saviors San Diego
   d. Other locations?
   e. Alliance SD KYR info en espanol https://www.alliancesd.org/know-your-rights-san-diego
   f. Opportunities with Jewish Family Services – Pastor Maria
   g. Opportunities to lead worship atW8 https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jfM1Zfzg-Kzi_R2gSkLDjgkoaBF-h5ko7tI491yGeEE/edit?usp=sharing
C. PB& J challenge update and need
D. Expert speaker next time- Feb 8 Carlos Correro, Welcome Ministry of the ELCA

10:40-55 Your concerns

10:55- 11:00 VI. Closing prayer –

Old/ ongoing business:

Groups to join: (We should be involved with all three)- we hope to have a seat on each of these boards/ consortiums and are looking for volunteers to represent Pacifica Synod AMMPARO

- San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium (prefer actual immigrants) Brendan to join
  - Alliance San Diego – Pastor Maria sent email to Patricia, but no response yet
  - Rapid Response Network – Pastor Maria contacted Maddy at Jewish Family Services who agreed to help her join when she returns from vacation on 12/16/24. Pastor Maria should be first contact with Pastor Karla as second/backup contact.
  - Brendan asked that SoCal funding for LGBTQ+ events be discussed.
  - PRIORITY- ALL ASYLUM SEEKERS AND IMMIGRANTS GET PAPERWORK INTO USCIS SYSTEM **BEFORE JAN 19**- CERTIFIED USPS MAIL POST STAMPED JAN 19- TAKE A PICTURE OF THIS AS WELL. This will get those persons in on Biden administration.
  - Do we need a workshop?

Assisting immigrants with filing papers:

Pastor Karla has several people available to assist immigrants with completing papers and getting them filed. Per Brendan: Immigrants need to register with USCIS within one year of arrival. Documents available online, but must be printed, filled out and hard copy mailed. Once the immigrant receives an Alien Number, he/she is here legally. We should determine if a "Know Your Rights" seminar is needed and publicize quietly.

Sanctuary:

Pastor Karla found "How to become a sanctuary congregation" on ChatGBT. We should discuss with St. Andrews due to their Haitian family assistance. Also, we need to determine if LRCC camps have thought through the process and are serious about offering sanctuary and whether they need board/synod approval.(see last page for details)

Conclusion:

It is better for us to be over prepared for the new administration and we are on the right path to be well-positioned by the end of January, 2025.

What we can do now:

- Email Mary Campbell to be a part of ELCA AMMPARO zoom meetings mary.campbell@elca.org
- Invite Pastor Maria to preach or teach at your congregation
- Invite Brendan Lulofs to speak about his experience as an asylum seeker