

Immanuel Congregational Church Environmental Action Committee

This new committee at ICC Has been involved in a lot of efforts recently, but this month especially they are sponsoring a very exciting and connected event.

On November 16th, they will host a Puerto Rican Fiesta titled *Solar Saves Lives*. It will feature Puerto Rican food and Music by Carlos Hernandez Chavez along with Gonzalo Cortes, singer Graciela Quinones and Mariachi Colonial. It's a fundraiser intended to advance the work of The Solar Foundation, which seeks to provide solar cells and batteries for rural health clinics in Puerto Rico.

While you're waiting, you can stop by the Fellowship Hall any time this month to see the art exhibit of Carlos Hernandez Chavez. It is titled "*Skin of the Earth*" and it was earlier



displayed at the Hartford Public Library in 2014.

It consists of a series of prints made from large tropical leaves used to print the colors onto the background. It is beautiful, and both reflects nature's own solar cells and the beauty of the natural environment of Puerto Rico where these prints were made.

Mr. Hernandez Chavez is a varied and eclectic artist as can be both seen and heard on the evening of the Fiesta as he will be among the musicians performing that evening.

But most of the time he now spends creating visual art.

In many ways he is the best kind of artist, he is a social activist, and so much of his art is dedicated to making the world a better place for everyone who lives here.

He also leads by example. He and his wife Georgianne had five foster children that they ended up adopting in addition to the 4 of their own.

It seems his art also expresses this same selflessness and outward flowing nature.

The prints at Immanuel will be on display through the month of November. More photos are available at ; <https://photos.app.goo.gl/FaYS8Appj8S1EmT2A>

Tickets for the Fiesta can be purchased at <http://tinyurl.com/solarfiesta>