

**IFCLA**



The St. Louis  
Inter-Faith  
Committee on  
Latin America

# ANNUAL REPORT



**2017**

**"When our congregation wanted to learn more about issues related to immigration, we turned to IFCLA. What we gained was education, relationships, inspiration, partnership, and opportunities to put faith into action. The IFCLA staff have been with us in every step toward offering sanctuary."**

**-Reverend Rebecca Turner  
Pastor, Christ Church United Church of Christ**

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# 2017 AT-A-GLANCE

## EDUCATION

IFCLA works to educate the St. Louis community on the injustices of international migration, the devastation caused by increased militarization in Latin America, and opportunities for liberation through economic justice.

## ACCOMPANIMENT

IFCLA trains and facilitates accompaniment programs that offer clarity and peace of mind to neighbors in contact with the injustices of systems.

## ADVOCACY

IFCLA works with local congregations, direct service agencies, and immigrant communities to bring these values and voices to the forefront of local, state, and national policy creation.



457 participants  
in IFCLA meetings, events, and activities



1,023 Facebook page likes  
representing a 27% increase over last year



183 donors  
contributed 28% of our revenue



97 students  
reached through service fairs, days, and activities

The first of two **community conversations on sanctuary** and other ways in which people of faith and good will can respond to the devastating Executive Orders and related policies impacting immigrants in St. Louis.

The 2017 **Dinner Diálogos Series** launched with Juan Carlos Morales Penetro and Gabriel Torreblanca Flores, who offered their perspectives from Southern Mexico regarding changes from the Trump Administration.

At the Cambio de Colores conference, the Migration Justice Committee presented the findings of the **immigrant oral history project** and **community survey on immigrant detention** in the St. Louis area.

The first training session for the **ICE Accompaniment Program** prepared 25 individuals to accompany our neighbors, as an act of witness and sacred resistance.

Marilyn Lorenz-Weinkauff led a delegation to Guarjila in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of IFCLA's **Companion Community Project in El Salvador**.

February 8

March 26

April 19

May 4

June 16

June 25

July 17

September 6

October 7

October 22

A group of 50 gathered at St. Mark's Episcopal Church to honor and celebrate the life of Sister Maggie Fisher, SCN. She served as Program Coordinator from 1987-1994. **Maggie Fisher, ¡presente!**

After working for more than 10 years with local activists, the **El Salvador legislature banned all metal mining**. IFCLA celebrated this victory with an event explaining the history of the issue and our work in this field.

The launch of a **Honduras Solidarity Week of Action** marked the 8th anniversary of the 2009 coup in Honduras.

IFCLA hosted a pray-in at **Senator McCaskill's office**, encouraging her leadership in immigrant justice and urging her to become a champion for DACAmented and undocumented neighbors.

Christ Church UCC **welcomed Alex Garcia into sanctuary** in order to keep this family together, becoming the first house of worship in St. Louis to offer public sanctuary today.

# LETTER FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

**"Peace: it does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart."**

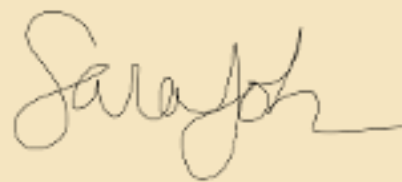
**-Unknown**

Dear friends, allies, neighbors, leaders, and all people of faith and good will,

While this past year of Executive Orders and anti-immigrant legislation have created incredible strain in our communities, IFCLA has continued to create noise and engage in righteous trouble-making to bring attention to the many injustices present in society today. We have done this through testifying against anti-immigrant legislation in Jefferson City, marching in the streets of St. Louis and demonstrating outside of the offices of our elected officials, as well as building new community collaborations and strengthening existing partnerships. When I reflect on the work of peace today, I see the faces of individuals we've accompanied this year and leaders I've had the privilege of learning with in these last few months. It is noisy, chaotic, inadequate, and yet totally necessary.

My hope for IFCLA in the coming years is that we will name our oppressors more clearly, organize more powerfully, resist more prophetically, and ensure that dignity is the measure for all policies, laws, and decisions that affect our communities. My voice may be hoarse from actions and my heart tired from witnessing the pain, but I remain committed to continue doing the work that our shared values and vision for our community call us to do. Thank you for the opportunity to serve for you and with you.

With great hope,



Sara John  
**Program Coordinator**



# LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Greetings!

If you are reading this, you care about the work that IFCLA does every day. You want to create space for all people to live fulfilling and dignified lives, no matter the circumstance or country of their birth. You want our government officials to build bridges through their legislative power - not walls. You want access to food that was grown and harvested in ways that both nurture your body and respect those of the workers responsible for its production. You want communities to have autonomy over their natural resources, with fair and responsible trade agreements implemented by government leaders.

We thank you for supporting the work for justice that IFCLA has done this year and throughout the past 35 years! Your involvement through active participation, prayer, financial contributions, and emotional encouragement are the foundations on which IFCLA began and why we are able to continue today. I am deeply encouraged by the energy of our staff and volunteers, led by our current Program Coordinator, Sara John, and am grateful for the years of dedication to this work and continuing guidance of Marilyn Lorenz and David Weinkauff. We recognize that there is so much work yet to be done but can rejoice in what has been achieved through building relationships, person by person, over the years. Thank you for joining with us to meet these new challenges in a spirit of solidarity!



Ellen Ziegemeier  
**Convener, Board of Directors**



# 35 YEARS OF IFCLA: REFLECT, RECOMMIT, PLEDGE

**Mission: To accompany the people of Latin America in their struggles for human rights and social justice, and to educate and advocate in the US.**

This past year, we have shared information and fostered educational opportunities that invite our community to **reflect** on current events and systemic injustice and think about the strategic actions we can take in the struggle against the oppressors of today. We have **recommitted** ourselves to our mission, with increased internships and capacity-building, to enable us to more effectively analyze and implement more informed strategies for creating dialogue and change. Once again, we have **pledged** to remain in solidarity and resistance with our brothers and sisters in and from Latin America.

As we have done for 35 years, we continue to use our collective power to confront rampant militarization, the detention and deportation of immigrants and people of color, and to work for equitable policies in the areas of food justice that will honor the dignity of all. Collaborating with congregations, schools, and organizations in the metropolitan St. Louis area and in Latin America, we work for a more just and equitable world community.

**Top left:** Jose Alfredo Chavez and Sara John protest against SB4 in Austin, Texas. **Middle left:** Carol Rojas and Gilberto Villasenor from Witness for Peace discuss feminist anti-militarism efforts for peace in Colombia. **Lower left:** Susan Nichols speaks to American Studies students at Saint Louis University. **Top right:** Ted Schroeder reflects on the legacy of Sister Maggie Fisher, SCN. **Lower right:** Reverend Barbara Gadon and Reverend Mary Albert show their support for migrant justice.



# STRATEGIC GOALS

1

**Challenge prejudice, respect dignity, and work for just policies and laws so that Latin American peoples find welcome in St. Louis and the US**

2

**Impact federal and local elected officials to promote fair trade and to stop free trade agreements**

3

**Protect human rights by challenging militarism, social prejudice, environmental exploitation and political repression in Latin American countries**

4

**Build bridges of friendship and solidarity to connect people of the US and Latin America with projects of social justice and sustainable living, and to foster greater understanding of the consequences of US government policies**

5

**Create and implement a plan for organizational sustainability within IFCLA**

# HIGHLIGHTS IN: MILITARIZATION

## 8th Anniversary of the 2009 Coup in Honduras

Together with the Honduras Solidarity Network (HSN), IFCLA marked the 8th anniversary of the 2009 coup in Honduras through participating in a nationwide Week of Action. Through webinars, social media engagement, and promotion of specific calls to action, we shared news about the ongoing role of the US and Canadian governments in perpetuating the coup and deepening dictatorship. We provided concrete action steps for individuals to take action to stop military aid to Honduras. Once again, IFCLA stands in solidarity with the marginalized of Latin America, and invites our communities to support the Honduran people as they fight against repression and the destruction of their land, territories, and rights.

Key speakers during the week's events included Karen Spring, the coordinator for the HSN in Honduras, who offered an update from her post in Honduras. Dan Beeton of the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) discussed current US policy and methods of intervention in Honduras, while offering a critical analysis of the impacts of these interactions. Additionally, Grahame Russell of Rights Action explained how Canadian corporations are part of the problem in Honduras and shared a unique perspective from our neighbors to the north.



## Justice for Berta Cáceres: HR 1299

In March, several representatives re-introduced the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act (HR1299), which calls for the suspension of US military and police aid to Honduras until the human rights violations committed by Honduran security forces cease and their perpetrators are brought to justice. Now, nearly 70 Representatives have co-sponsored the bill! Over one hundred US, Honduran, and international human rights organizations, environmental organizations, labor unions, and faith communities have also endorsed the bill. These include the American Federal of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), the United Steelworkers (USW), the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN), the Sierra Club, the Latin American Working Group (LAWG) and more.

The bill states that "The Honduran police are widely established to be deeply corrupt and to commit human rights abuses, including torture, rape, illegal detention, and murder, with impunity." Further, it acknowledges that the Honduran military has committed violations of human rights and therefore asks that the US suspend all "...security assistance to Honduran military and police until such time as human rights violations by Honduran state security forces cease and their perpetrators are brought to justice."

After several meetings and phone calls, IFCLA won the support of Representative W. Lacy Clay, Jr. (MO-1), and secured his co-sponsorship of this important piece of legislation.

# HIGHLIGHTS IN: ECONOMIC JUSTICE

## Mining Justice in El Salvador

IFCLA continues to be involved with international struggles for economic justice. On March 29, the El Salvador legislature voted overwhelmingly to ban metal mining in the country. IFCLA has spent more than 10 years working tirelessly to support Salvadoran activists leading the resistance in El Salvador as well as organizing in the US to shift policies abroad. Thank you to all of our supporters who signed petitions, protesters who rallied outside lawmakers' offices, those who attended and financially supported delegations to provide international witness to the environmental injustices, and all who echoed the call for justice to the US Attorney General.

In order to honor this decade-long commitment to the environment and to the Salvadoran people, IFCLA hosted a happy hour on May 4th. We were honored to have accompanied them in this struggle, and we were thrilled to accompany them in celebration!



Left: Joe & Carolyn Vaughan (far left) listen to Mary Lois Sennewald (far right) give an introduction to mining in Central America, which set the context for the detailed presentation offered by Marilyn Lorenz-Weinkauff on IFCLA's involvement in this effort through years of advocacy, education, and accompaniment.

## NAFTA and US Trade

Once again, international trade agreements that prioritize corporate power threaten the dignity of our brothers and sisters in Latin America. The Trump Administration has re-opened negotiations on the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). This deal between the United States, Mexico, and Canada was used as the model for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a deal that IFCLA advocated against through multiple education initiatives last year and was defeated after widespread public opposition.

We will continue to oppose NAFTA because it expands corporate power, results in lower pay and lost jobs, guts "Buy American/Buy Local" policies, reduces food safety, and threatens the environment. Furthermore, NAFTA devastated Mexico's rural sector, destroyed tens of thousands of small businesses, harmed workers, and forced many to leave their homeland. Many of these same human rights, economic, and environmental issues that existed with the original deal have not been addressed or corrected with President Trump's proposed changes.

28,000

Mexican small businesses eliminated due to large US corporations entering the Mexican market

2 million

Mexican farmers forced out of agriculture

25%

Decrease in factory wages along the Mexican border due to an over saturation of displaced workers

# HIGHLIGHTS IN: IMMIGRATION

## IFCLA Advocates in Jefferson City

In the spring of 2017, IFCLA had a presence in Jefferson City testifying against Missouri Senate Bill 34. This bill is about isolating, excluding, and eliminating immigrants from Missouri. With four trips to the capitol in less than three months, IFCLA partnered with organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates (MIRA) in order to testify against this bill. Although the bill later became law, a group of brave and young individuals learned about our legislative system.



**Right:** Yareli Urbina, Mary Louise Pabello, and Marissa Ornelas testify before lawmakers in Jefferson City. **Below:** Individuals pray at the Vigil for Immigration Justice on September 1st, 2017.

## Standing Together for Immigrant Rights: Vigil for Justice

On September 1, IFCLA co-hosted a Vigil for Immigration Justice that advocated against Texas' anti-immigrant Senate Bill 4, brought awareness to the imminent end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, and encouraged lawmakers returning to Washington to defund hate. Lawmakers are still debating the federal budget in which President Trump has requested major increases to detention budgets for fiscal year 2018. Alongside Latinos en Acción STL and the Peace and Justice Commission of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, IFCLA held space for DACAmented individuals to share their testimonies, and space for all those present to write down their hopes and demands for lawmakers. These demands were presented to Senator Claire McCaskill's office in St. Louis the following week.



**“It is always an honor to partner with IFCLA as they work tirelessly to promote Pope Francis' vision of a 'world of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable.'”**

-Marie Kenyon,  
Archdiocese of St. Louis

## ICE Accompaniment Project

Across the country, there have been several cases of migrants being detained after going for a routine check-in at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) offices. Family members are disappearing without being allowed to inform their friends or relatives, which creates panic among their loved ones and devastates our communities.

In some cities, a successful tool to protect against this threat to due process has been to accompany individuals to these check-ins. By volunteering to accompany migrants to ICE and Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) check-ins, we are able to show solidarity and provide witness to the injustices of the deportation regime. Additionally, serves to keep relatives informed and seeks to reduce the likelihood of detention.

**“My work with IFCLA has shown me that there is still lots of work to be done. It has also shown me that I can make a difference. It has inspired me to want to attend law school after finishing my undergraduate studies at Saint Louis University.”**

-Marissa Ornelas

**31** Number of individuals who have attended a training for the ICE Accompaniment Project

**6** Number of check-ins supported by Accompaniment Teams

# DACA EMERGENCY FUNDRAISER

On September 5th, the Trump Administration announced the termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. In response to this announcement, which unjustly stripped away a legal pathway to access work and education for over 800,000 “DREAMers,” IFCLA partnered with the Migrant and Immigrant Community Action (MICA) Project, St. Francis Community Services Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry, Latinos en Acción STL, and the Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates (MIRA) to provide a free clinic for eligible DACA recipients to renew their status before the October 5th deadline.

IFCLA played a key role in supporting the fundraising efforts to make this clinic more available to all: in less than one week, generous St. Louis donors contributed more than \$6,000 for DACA renewals! We were able to fully fund the renewal application filing fees of all clinic attendees. We are inspired by the generosity of our community's response.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A**  
**DACA RENEWAL CLINIC**

**SEPT. 22**  
**10:00AM - 6:00PM**

**LOCATION**  
St. Louis Community College  
ROOM: 80-225  
"The Game Room"  
Located in the Student Center Building on the Second floor  
\*parking available in any open lot\*

**WHAT TO BRING**

1. Work authorization card
2. Social Security number
3. A copy of your first DACA application and approval notice, if you have them
4. Two passport photos
5. \$495 filing fees

\* Financial assistance AVAILABLE upon the first come, first served basis.

Sponsored by: The Mexican Consulate in Kansas City, SIRE

MIRA, IFCLA, St. Francis, MICA

# SANCTUARY & SACRED RESISTANCE

Sanctuary is a way to be in solidarity with the undocumented community by creating space for the voice of immigrant leaders to be lifted up as we confront unjust laws together. Since February, IFCLA has led the sanctuary organizing in St. Louis through facilitating community conversations on sanctuary and supporting individuals and congregations as they discern their roles in this effort.

This has culminated in the St. Louis Coalition for Sanctuary, a local collaborative that is committed to welcoming undocumented individuals and their families, advocating to end deportations, assisting with legal clinics, and offering radical hospitality to immigrants in danger of immediate deportation. The St. Louis Coalition for Sanctuary is a reminder of the concrete ways in which faith communities and people of goodwill can powerfully enact and embody their commitment to justice.

Sanctuary is a...

## RESPONSE.

To raids, detentions, deportations, and the criminalization of immigrants

## STRATEGY.

To fight individual cases of deportation, to advocate for an end to mass detention and deportation, and to amplify the voices of immigrants

## VISION.

For what our communities and world can be

## MORAL IMPERATIVE.

To take prophetic action, support radical hospitality, and live into our shared values, rooted in the ancient traditions of our faith communities

IFCLA began organizing for sanctuary in February. Since then...



congregations in the First Sanctuary Cohort



church currently offering sanctuary to Alex Garcia



individuals engaged through sanctuary meetings and events



signatures in support of Alex Garcia's Stay of Removal

**Left to right:** Journalists from St. Louis Public Radio joined Rabbi Andrea Goldstein, Father Marek Bozek, Nicole Cortés, and Reverend Rebecca Turner in prayer outside of ICE before filing a Motion to Stay. Carleen "Carly" Garcia and Alex Garcia discuss their decision to take public sanctuary. Community members demonstrate in support of Alex Garcia's right to stay with his family. Reverend Rebecca Turner waits outside of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in order to file the Stay.





# FINANCIAL REPORT

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL HEALTH 2016 2017

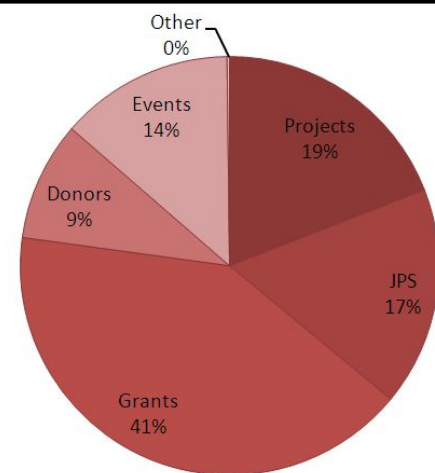
	2016	2017
<b>INCOME</b>		
	\$	\$
Accompaniment Projects	18,235.77	15,298.21
Donations	4,081.00	7,382.91
Grants	4,064.81	33,000.00
Events	1,054.58	10,761.11
Justice & Peace Shares	8,720.00	13,565.00
Other Miscellaneous Income	71.34	160.07
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>36,227.50</b>	<b>80,167.30</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	-	829.81
Accompaniment Projects	15,551.00	12,388.21
Conferences & Training	200.00	2,063.50
Organizational Dues	150.00	300.00
Events	1,997.20	2,131.80
Payroll Expenses	16,299.50	33,479.22
Office	3,698.19	4,276.90
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>37,895.89</b>	<b>55,469.44</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL HEALTH</b>	<b>-1,668.39</b>	<b>24,697.86</b>

## CORE COMMITTEE & INTERNS

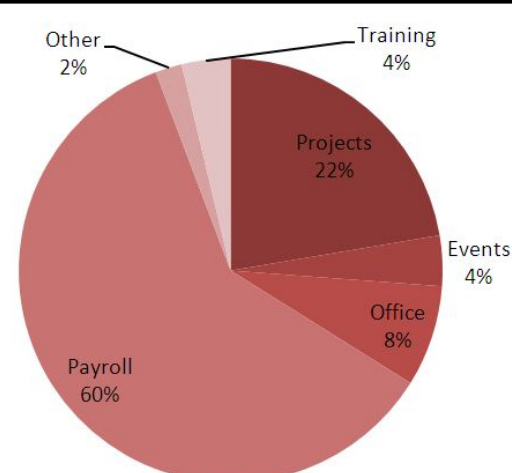
Amy de la Hunt	Myrrah Gil	Nicole Walker	Gabby Eissner
Geraldine Hannon	Marissa Ornelas	Susan Nichols	Rae English
Yareli Urbina	Theresa Schafer	Sara John	Mckenna Gossrau

## MEET OUR STAFF

### INCOME



### EXPENSE



**Sara John, Program Coordinator:** After serving as IFCLA's Board President, Sara John transitioned into her role as Program Coordinator in the summer of 2016. In the past year, she has focused on grant writing, community organizing, and base-building efforts for IFCLA. Sara has been with the organization for over 10 years, since she was a student at Saint Louis University where she received a bachelor's degree in Spanish and International Studies. She continued her studies at the University of Arizona, where she earned a Master of Arts degree in Latin American Studies with an emphasis on the US-Mexico Border. Sara's graduate research centered on migrants that disappear in their journey to the US, and she has lived in and traveled throughout Southern Mexico. Sara has extensive professional background working for migration justice and speaks fluent Spanish. Frequently, her 2-year-old son, Alexander, participates in actions as one of our youngest activists!

**Susan Nichols, Operations Manager and Loretto Volunteer Staff:** Susan Nichols received her Masters of Arts degree in American Studies in May 2017 from Saint Louis University and soon after joined the Loretto Volunteer program in order to deepen her commitment to social justice. Since joining the staff, Susan has focused on volunteer coordination, organizational continuity, and operations management. In her free time, she enjoys playing traditional Irish fiddle and petting lots of dogs.

# WE ARE GRATEFUL

FOR THE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS  
WHOSE GENEROSITY MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE

Tom Abeln	Ron Gaus	Rhona Lyons	Edward & Marie Schroeder
Rev. Mary Albert	Eileen & Bill George	Shawn Mahoney	Mary Jane & Bob Schutzius
Jim & JoAnn Allen	Myrrah Gill	Mary Manganaro	Mary Lois Sennewald
Rita Andres	Anna Ginsburg	Jennifer Manganaro	Fernando Serrano
Manuela Araque	Francine Glass	John Manganaro	Mel & Alice Serrano
Kriss Avery	Rosemary Gliedt	William Manganaro	Kathie Shook Sherman
Carol Barton	Sue Goodman	Kathleen Manganaro	Beverly Simmerman
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Christopher Bloom	Scott Guerrero	Clint McCann	Linda Small
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Carolyn Crowe	Steven & Audrey Hollis	Margaret Phillips	Yareli Urbina
Trish Curtis	Rich Howard-Willms	Sharon Plankenhorn	Carolyn & Joe Vaughan
Amy de la Hunt	Tom Hyatt	Woody & Joan Powell	Gary Vogt
Nancy DeMartini	Stephen & Sara John	Kitty Quinn	Lillian Morgan Vogt
Stephanie Dering	Janet Jump	Mae Quinn	Kristine Walentik
Robert Donnelly	Brennan Keiser	Meredith Rataj	Willaim Webster
Rebecca S. Drake	Virginia Kelly	Allison Reilly	Paulette Weindel
Virginia Druhe	Marie Kenyon	Paul & Andrea Reiter	David Weinkauff
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Jerome Forget	Hazel & Tom Kirk	Roche Roche	Robert Wilcox
Elizabeth Foshage	Caroline Kita	Mindy Rosengarten	Lois Yatzeck
Bob Fox & Maxine Clark	Joan Kuester	Miche Rossi	Ellen Ziegemeier
Amy Gage	Emily Kuttenkuler	Maria Rossi	Paulette Zimmermen
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Christina Garcia	Marilyn Lorenz-Weinkauff		

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Christ Church United Church of Christ, Maplewood

Daughters of Charity

Greater St. Louis Community Foundation

Sisters of Loretto & the Loretto Volunteer Program

Hispanic American Leadership Organization at Saint Louis University

St. Louis Association of the United Church of Christ

Kirkwood United Church of Christ

Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ

Villa Duchesne

Webster University

Sisters of St. Dominic-Racine, Wisconsin

Society of the Sacred Heart - Duchesne Fund for Ministry

Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis

Monica Matthieu

The Voss Family

Central Reform Congregation

# WE ARE GRATEFUL



Congratulations to the St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America! Thank you for your hard work in the struggle for justice.

¡La lucha sigue!



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St. Francis Community Services'

Southside Center  
&  
Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry

congratulate our partner, IFCLA, on 35 years of service in accompanying people of Latin America.

We proudly stand with IFCLA in its work for human rights and social justice!



MORE supports the continued justice work of IFCLA!

Their advocacy work in Latin America and the US is needed so much, especially in these times.

[www.organizemo.org](http://www.organizemo.org)

Peace Economy Project congratulates IFCLA on 35 years of service and activism!



Thank you for being a champion for human rights and social justice for the people of Latin America. We are proud to support and partner with you on this work.

**Congratulations on 35 years!**

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**Chicago Religious Leadership Network  
on Latin America**  
[www.crln.org](http://www.crln.org)



From your friends  
at the National Farm  
Worker Ministry to  
the St Louis  
Inter-Faith  
Committee on Latin  
America:

We say **thank you**  
for your many years of **solidarity with the  
people of Latin America** and wish we could be  
with you to celebrate your 35th anniversary. We  
miss our years together at the World Community  
Center and the friendship enjoyed, with the late  
Maggie Fisher, the still feisty Marilyn  
Lorenz-Weinkauff, and many others.

May IFLCA continue your important  
accompaniment work for many years to come!

**We are a better church because of IFCLA!  
Happy 35th!**



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Central Reform Congregation  
congratulates and thanks the  
St. Louis Inter-Faith  
Committee on Latin America  
for all you do to promote equality,  
pursue justice for Latin Americans in  
their struggles for human rights, and  
build a wider community that respects  
the holiness and worth of every  
human being.

¡Felicidades, IFCLA!



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**CONGRATULATIONS, IFCLA!**

St. Louis Justice and Peace Shares (JPS) is  
a collaboration of five local groups with  
different missions, all committed to  
nonviolent social change and justice for the  
poor. Recognizing that competition for funds  
drains both staff and donors, in 2004 these  
organizations decided to collaborate on  
fundraising, education, and training.

[www.jpsstl.org](http://www.jpsstl.org)

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## Changing The Stories I Hear, Know And Tell

"Because of We Stories I've finally become brave enough to push past our more surface level conversations about race and into what it means in terms of our country's history."

[www.westories.org](http://www.westories.org)

Join our family learning program -  
next cohort enrolls in  
January 2018!

Support the movement at  
[www.beapageturner.org](http://www.beapageturner.org)

## Congratulations on 35 years of service!

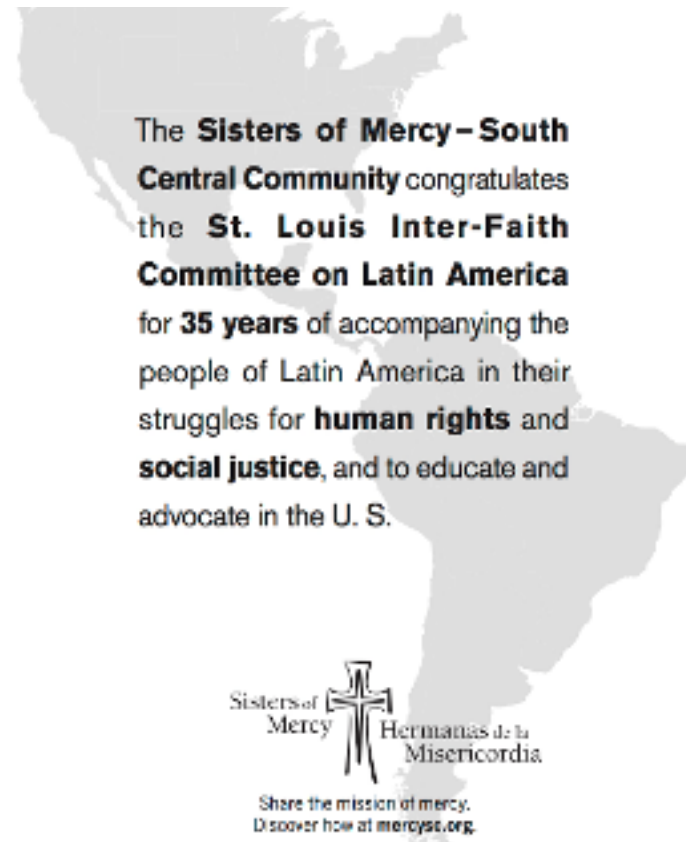


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The **Sisters of Mercy – South Central Community** congratulates the **St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America** for **35 years** of accompanying the people of Latin America in their struggles for **human rights** and **social justice**, and to educate and advocate in the U. S.



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Thank you, IFCLA, for your tremendous efforts to build peace and sow love in our community. You truly represent the values Saint Francis of Assisi called each of us bring into this world. We are proud to serve with you and look forward to deepening our partnership in the years to come!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to IFCLA  
from the  
**Latin America  
Caribbean Committee**  
on 35 years of  
working for justice!



## Congratulations, IFCLA!

I send to those gathered for IFCLA's 35th Anniversary warm greetings from the mountains of Western North Carolina where members of congregations are also partnering with our immigrant neighbors to create sanctuaries for those who are threatened with deportations.

What I remember about IFCLA's first decade is how the courageous lives of those struggling for freedom and dignity in Central America stretched the fabric of our faith communities. In 1983, with no visible success, we engaged dozens of resourceful St. Louis congregations in the question of whether they would offer sanctuary to Central American refugees fleeing war and repression. The stretch of our faith was contagious. This created on-the-ground personal relationships between IFCLA's work and the day-to-day lives of those living in the midst of the wars and oppression.

Thank you for continuing the Sanctuary movement today!

-Bill Ramsey

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*The **New Mayas Society** provides financial and human resources to impoverished communities of the Guatemalan Ixil highlands, through scholarship support for students at the School for New Mayas in the village of Xix and for similar bootstrap educational and entrepreneurial programs aiding this indigenous population in the Department of Quiche.*

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God's mercy these  
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The St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America (IFCLA) recognizes the value of pursuing "whole of community" responses, creating a world in which all are treated with dignity. Working with a dynamic group of community partners, IFCLA builds collective power throughout the St. Louis area and beyond in order to have greater impact and bring about lasting structural changes for the greater good. We seek a community that honors human rights and promotes social justice.

This year, we have worked collaboratively in order to raise the voices of immigrants and marginalized populations to the highest levels of power. Thank you for being a part of this work! Your leadership and generosity make these achievements possible.

We look forward to continuing our work next year - and every year - until all of our neighbors, both near and far, are able to lead lives of dignity.



**Above:** Marie-Aimee Abizera, Yareli Urbina, Susan Nichols, Kris Walentik, Amanda Tello, Amy Diemer, Meredith Rataj, Sara John, Robert Sagastume, Joeana Middleton, Nicole Cortes, Revered Mary Albert, and Jose Alfredo Chavez stand together after the first coalition meeting with Senator Claire McCaskill's senior staff in St. Louis.



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