

## **INVITATION to Join the Vamos a la MILPA Delegation to Honduras, July 2nd to 12th, 2021**

*"Let's get together and continue with hope.."*

*Berta Caceres, delegation in her honor on her 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

"We invite you to come to Honduras to be in solidarity with the Milpa" an invitation from padre Melo, SJ of *Radio Progreso/ERIC*, *hermana Rosa Maria SSND* and *Bertita Caceres of COPINH*.

Our presence is a powerful message of solidarity that says: you are not alone; we believe in you, we support your right to stay, we accompany you in planting your Milpa.

Months after the hurricanes decimated Honduras leaving over two thirds of the population without basic resources and affecting up to 80% of the country's agricultural production, utter despair, and near starvation is griping the communities.

Vamos a la Milpa aims to achieve food sovereignty by giving life to the Lenca tradition of planting, in community respecting Madre Tierra, vegetable gardens of corn, beans, squash, fruit trees, medicinal plants, flowers and more; SHARE is supporting Radio Progreso / ERIC-SJ, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the Sisters of Mercy / Paso a Paso, the San Isidro Labrador Parish, the San Alonso Rodríguez Foundation, COPA of bajo Aguan, and Berta Caceres' COPINH.

The Milpa delegation welcomes all people that support food sovereignty. We will follow strict Covid protocols including vaccines, tests, distance, double masks and more.

**Objectives:** to be in solidarity with the Milpa, to accompany human and environmental rights defenders and communities affected by the hurricanes, and to return to the U.S. and plant La Milpa with seeds of solidarity.

**Proposed Itinerary:** Participate in the Blessing of the Seeds ceremony with Lenca communities, help plant the Milpa of Guapinol River political prisoners, accompany the planting of urban Milpa in San Pedro Sula, participate in La Milpa National Congress, participate on the annual festivities of the town of Tocoa and celebrate the life of Berta Caceres on her 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We will travel to San Pedro Sula airport on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and return on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

The cost is approximately \$950, plus airfare. **Scholarships are available.**

For those that cannot travel to Honduras you can join the **Virtual Milpa Delegation**. You will travel with the delegation via zoom, FaceBook, and Instagram.

## **¡VAMOS A LA MILPA!**

Milpa Committee: Mary Anne, Perrone, Jean Stokan, Amy Argenal, Kathleen Ericson, RSM, Rev. Dev Avery, Rev. Deborah Lee, Ann Pratt, OP, Valeria Lewandoski, OSM, Mark Coplan, Christopher Lopez, Rev. Marilyn Chilcote, Ann Scholz, SSND, Diane Clyne, RSM, Caya Tanski, David Sylvester, Suzanne Llewellyn, And Jose Artiga.

P.S. We invite you to support the Milpa by sending a check to SHARE/Vamos a la Milpa: 2425 College Ave. Berkeley, CA 94704 or online at [SHARE-ElSalvador.org](http://SHARE-ElSalvador.org). Your donation will help purchase native seeds, tools, promote La Milpa and more.

Register at [share-elsalvador.org](http://share-elsalvador.org).

Contact [jose@share-elsalvador.org](mailto:jose@share-elsalvador.org), telephone +1 510 848 8487 with any ideas, leads or questions, ant to volunteer to promote La Milpa.