

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

"Let's get together and continue with hope defending and caring for the blood of mother earth and the spirits" **Berta Caceres**

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

Our presence is a powerful message of solidarity that says: you are not alone; we believe in you, we support your right to stay and not migrate to the U.S.

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 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.

La Milpa is a project of life, restoring the tradition of the original Lencas to plant in community respecting Madre Tierra.

This delegation welcomes all people that support food sovereignty.

Objectives: to be in solidarity with the Milpa, to accompany human and environmental rights defenders, 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 the Milpa in San Pedro Sula urban communities, participate in the Milpa National Congress, and participate on the annual festivities of the town of Tocoa.

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

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.

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

¡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, Mark Coplan
And Jose Artiga

P.S. We invite you to support the Milpa by donating to SHARE/Vamos a la Milpa 2425 College
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Contact jose@share-elsalvador.org, telephone +1 510 848 8487 with any ideas, leads or
questions, ant to volunteer to organize the Vamos a la Milpa delegation.