

LATINX

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Hispanic/Latinx Ministry, Mt. Vernon!!

BY ZULMA SUYAPA SAUCEDA

It is a great blessing what God is doing in our beloved United Methodist Church. Today, we celebrated the baptism of three children. With this celebration of baptism, we connected with new families that are now part of our church. I praise God for that! Mt. Vernon UMC and Pastor Terry Hall celebrated this accomplishment with us. I want to recognize the openness of this beloved church for allowing us to have a bilingual Spanish and English celebration. We demonstrated that we are all one body in Christ without letting our language barrier limit us. We felt like we were part of the same church.

Please continue praying for this community of Mt. Vernon as we continue to work together to serve the growing Hispanic/Latinx community. To God be the Glory!



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LAS POSADAS

Renewing Hope in Sunnyside!!

BY JOEL RODRIGUEZ

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy God has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Peter 1:3

The Posadas are popular festivals of Mexican origin, which have also expanded beyond Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama, during the nine days before Christmas, that is, from 16 to 24th December.



In Sunnyside prior to and during Christmas, we not only remember our most beautiful family experiences of our places of origin. During three Posadas in the church and in two different homes, ten new families had the opportunity to share and reflect on the challenges we will face as a community during 2020 as Latin Americans and faith communities, with different creeds, languages and cultures that distinguish us. We hope this year all children can be reunited with their parents again. We hope that there is fair and humane treatment in immigration policies in this country. Waiting for the Methodist churches to use their prophetic voices for liberation alongside the oppressed. Eduardo Galeno said: "Unlike solidarity, which is horizontal and is exercised equally, charity is practice from top to bottom, humiliates the needy ones and never alters the power relations, not even a little".

Let's build a Kingdom of God where conscience, justice and solidarity reign. May our Latin American voices be heard lifting up the urgency of peace in our communities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Last Thursday of Every month
Hispanic/Latinx Leadership Zoom meeting
7:00 pm

March 27: Course of Study

General Conference: May 5-15 Minneapolis, MN

Shared Annual Conference Session: June 11-14 Washington State Fair Events Center Puyallup, WA

Western Jurisdictional Conference: July 15-18 Montana

MARCHA Caucus: July 30- August 2, Sacramento, CA

