



Words written on the Subversive Cross

The Subversive Cross ~ An opportunity for transformation in your congregation

The Subversive Cross stands in the sanctuary of Resurrection Lutheran Church in San Salvador as a symbol of hope and the transformational power of the Holy Spirit. Created during El Salvador's civil war, the cross has written upon it the sins against a faithful people, the sins of a faithful people, and the hopes for liberation rooted in God's healing mercy.

During the war, the cross transformed the hearts of a congregation, of soldiers and of the President of El Salvador. Since then, pilgrims who have stood at the foot of the cross have been transformed.

In an effort to give congregations the opportunity to experience transformation through the Holy Spirit and the words of our Salvadoran brothers and sisters, the Greater Milwaukee Synod El Salvador Committee has created replicas of the Subversive Cross. Each cross stands 4 feet tall and is made of white, painted boards. A replica of the cross will be presented to each church that makes a commitment to the Endowment Fund. The cross can be delivered with or without the words on it (the writing of the words on the cross may be done by a youth group or other group at your church as part of a prayer or learning activity). The English translation of the Spanish words will be provided. The cross also comes with a booklet that includes the story of The Subversive Cross, a prayer litany written by Bishop Medardo Gómez, and an English translation of the messages on the cross.

The cross also comes with a DVD (appropriate for use in worship or study groups), which tells the story of how The Subversive Cross continues to transform and inspire people, and how the pastors of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church continue to carry out the ministry of the cross in difficult economic times.

ELCA ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE SALVADORAN LUTHERAN SYNOD:

A sustainable source of funding for the salaries of the pastors in the Lutheran Church of El Salvador

The Greater Milwaukee Synod El Salvador Committee has set a goal of raising the principal in the Endowment Fund to **\$2,000,000** by June, 2008. The interest generated by the fund is used to support the salaries of pastors in the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod, who currently are paid minimal amounts or are not paid at all.

The Endowment Fund was created in 2004 in an effort to provide a source of reliable income to the pastors of the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod. The fund is managed by the ELCA, which makes quarterly disbursements of the interest generated by the fund. 100% of the money raised will stay in the Endowment Fund controlled by the ELCA and only the interest earned will be used for the pastors' salaries.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this project so the pastors of El Salvador can concentrate on the work of the Lord and not be concerned about earning a living on the side. Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Matthew 9:37

Kickoff Date for the Fundraiser – Sunday, October 29, 2006
Commitment Forms due by September 1, 2006

The Subversive Cross ~ A Symbol of Hope

Each church that makes a commitment to the Endowment Fund will receive a replica of the Subversive Cross. More information on the cross is on the back of this sheet.

COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Church Name _____

Contact Person _____

Church Address _____

Church Phone Number _____

~ The cross will be delivered to your congregation. ~

Please check all that apply:

Our church will make a commitment to the Endowment Fund.
We prefer our cross as follows:

With the writing already on the cross

Without the writing on the cross (paper copy included)

The cross includes an English translation, DVD and booklet.

We are interested in having a speaker come to our congregation to talk about the Salvadoran Lutheran Pastors' Endowment Fund

We have a partner church in El Salvador

We are in the process of building a partnership ministry with a church in El Salvador

We are interested in having a speaker come to teach us more about our synod's partnership with the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod, or about church-to-church partnerships.

- ***Mail this form to St. John's Lutheran Church, 20275 Davidson Rd. Brookfield, WI 53045 Attn: Linda Muth***
- ***If you have questions, please contact Linda Muth at elsalvador@makedisciples.com***

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