



*CRLN Celebrates Twenty Years  
of Responding to God's Call  
Awareness, Advocacy, Accompaniment, Action!*

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## ***Raising Our Voices For Human Rights, Peace & Justice in this Hemisphere***

The Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America (CRLN) is an interfaith grassroots organization, a network of committed individuals and faith communities who work in partnership with this hemisphere's poor majorities, to advance peace, justice and human rights.

### ***Focus***

- ◆ **Colombia** – the US's closest ally in Latin America is also the largest human rights disaster in this hemisphere, and the most dangerous country in Latin America for pastors, church workers, and labor leaders
- ◆ **Emerging Popular Democracies** – the movement across Latin America leading to democratic reform and a new model of development, focused on improving the lives of all peoples, including the poor and excluded
- ◆ **Closing the US Army School of the Americas** – many human rights atrocities are linked to military and para-military forces trained by the US
- ◆ **Building Just US/Cuba Relations** – travel restrictions bar church and family travel to Cuba
- ◆ **Promoting Fair Trade** – free trade agreements have led to record international corporate profits and decimated the lives of the poor and displaced, leading to deep poverty and the current food crisis – fair trade offers an alternative vision for trade relations
- ◆ **New Sanctuary Coalition** – working for justice for immigrants

### ***Act!***

CRLN hosts religious and human rights leaders from Latin America in Chicago, and organizes delegations of Chicagoans to Latin America, so that we hear the voices of those working for peace and justice in their countries and learn how our policies and actions impact their lives. CRLN engages in educational work with faith communities and its network of members, and organizes its members to respond to human rights situations. With its grassroots network, CRLN organizes for effective public policy advocacy with US legislators, on critical policies for peace, justice and human rights.