

PEACEBUILDING IN THE FACE OF VIOLENCE



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Dear Friends of MASCP,

In 2018, a time of much violence, our 32 year old sister city project continues to bring us together to build peace across borders with our sisters and brothers in El Salvador.

The Madison Arcatao Sister City Project is saddened by the passing of Fred Arnold, who together with his wife Barbara accompanied our Project and our sisters and brothers in El Salvador for many, many years. In 2002 after visiting our Sister City of Arcatao, they, together with many sistering friends from Madison College, helped bring Luz Muñoz from Arcatao to Madison.

Fred continued to be a partner with our Project and we celebrate him today as a Peacebuilder in the face of violence. Fred will live within us as a person who challenged unjust structures and worked tirelessly to make the world a better place.

¡Compañero Fred, Presente!



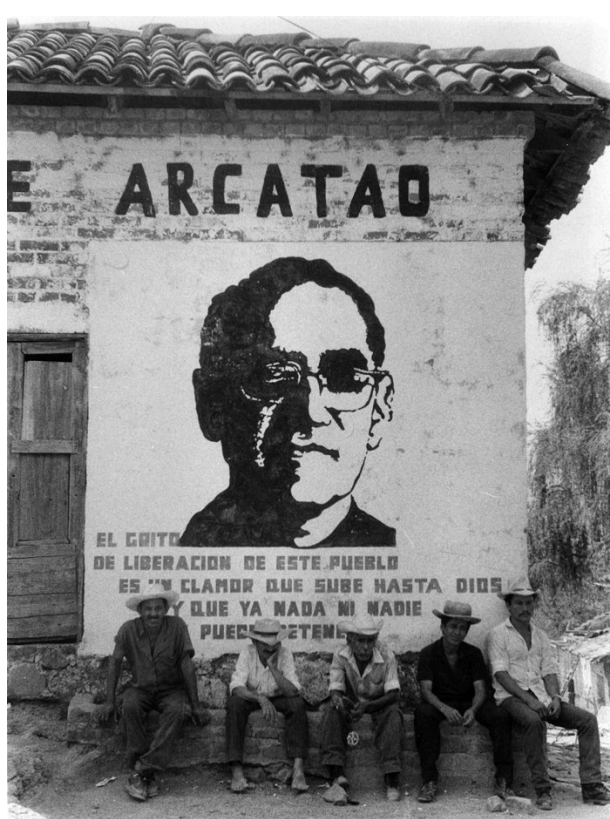
Fred's memorial service will be held at First Congregational Church of Christ, 1609 University Ave., Madison (across from Camp Randall Stadium), on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 11 a.m. followed by a celebration of his life with hors d'oeuvres and fellowship in the Chapel until 2:30 p.m.

[Read Fred's Obituary](#)

San Oscar Romero

Zulma Tobar, our US El Salvador Sistering coordinator in San Salvador reports: "we had great news this morning (March 5, 2018). Romero will be canonized soon. Pope Francis announced that Romero's miracle was approved by the church. There is a possibility the ceremony will happen in El Salvador in October this year!!!"

[Learn More](#)



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Upcoming Events



Celebrate Madison's Sister Cities

Saturday, April 14, 2018 | 5-8PM
Madison College - Truax Campus
1701 Wright Street, Madison

For over thirty years, the citizens of Madison have been creating international friendships with communities around the world. The Madison Common Council approved our first sister city relationship in 1986 with Arcatao, El Salvador and since then many more have been formed.

The City of Madison's Sister City Collaboration Committee invites the community to Celebrate Madison's Sister Cities. The evening will include welcoming remarks by Madison Mayor Paul Soglin, a keynote address by former Governor Jim Doyle and Jessica Doyle, "Creating international friendships at the grass roots level", entertainment by Madison Youth Choirs, informational and photo displays, refreshments and a delicious buffet dinner.

[Learn More and Purchase Tickets](#)

Health Care Partnership

2018-2019: Delegation

April 18-27, 2018

El Salvador



The Department of Rehabilitation Psychology & Special Education of the University of Wisconsin-Madison has developed a project with MASCP, US-El Salvador Sister Cities and The Association for the Development of El Salvador (CRIPDES) entitled *Developing a Health Promotion Program for El Salvadorans with Chronic Illness and Disability*. The first delegation of this partnership will travel to San Salvador and to our sister city of Arcatao from April 18-27, 2018.



Summer Delegation 2018: Human Rights, Women and Grassroots Organizing Across Borders

June 2018

El Salvador

MASCP is working with Wisconsin State Representative Chris Taylor to create this delegation to El Salvador to better understand our common concerns, so we can organize as grass root citizens in both countries, learn from each other, and move together to challenge unjust structures. [Contact us for more information.](#)

Educating Ourselves for Action:

Popular Education School

August 2018

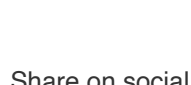
San Salvador, El Salvador



MASCP together with its parent organization, the US – El Salvador Sister Cities Network and its sistering partner, The Association for the Development of El Salvador (CRIPDES) is looking for participants for this interactive weeklong workshop in San Salvador. For one week, participants from the U.S. together with Salvadorans will design "tools for change and organizing" to support active citizen participation in both countries. [Contact us for more information.](#)

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