



Meet your  
Mission Co-Worker:  
*Rev. Katherine Pater*



Want to meet Katherine in person? She will be in Iowa for itineration Thursday, November 12 – 23, 2015. To schedule an event with her or to attend one, you may see her calendar here: [www.oursisterparish.org](http://www.oursisterparish.org)

**Compañeros Medical Delegation Travels**

This week, November 4-11, 2015 the Compañeros Medical Delegation is working with the Pastoral Team of Berlín, the community boards and health committees of the rural villages, and local medical personnel to provide basic healthcare and health education to the people of Berlín, El Salvador. As part of their work, they will learn about the historical roots of poverty and social injustice in Central America from the people they are serving in order to better understand the current needs and challenges of El Salvador's poorest communities. In doing so, they hope to build greater links of solidarity, friendship, and love between Christians in central Iowa and their Salvadoran brothers and sisters.



**Those traveling with the Medical Delegation are:**

**Seated:** Kathy Bassett (Clive, Heartland); Dr. Stacey Neu & Latsamy Hilliard (West Des Moines, Covenant).

**Standing:** Dr. Christian Grindberg (Boone, St. Olaf); Dani Neu (West Des Moines, Covenant); Dr. Andrew Nish (Clive, Heartland); Dr. Mark Hilliard (West Des Moines, Covenant); Dr. Carrie Greenwood; Cassandra McDowell (Kansas City); Dr. Laura Avitt (Indianola, Trinity United); Mike Bassett (Des Moines, Central); Dr. (Doc) Sokol (Cedar Rapids); Sam Susanin (Des Moines, Westminster).



Meet your  
Pastoral Team Members:

- Margarita*
- Idalia*
- Jesús*
- Balmore*
- Blanca*
- Cecilia*



**Truck Fund Update**

We Did It!! With the combination of a GoFundMe campaign (\$4,155.72), personal donations (\$6,194.60), church donations (\$5,354.45) and a generous matching gift challenge (\$5,000), we met our fund raising goal for the purchase of a new truck – at a total of \$20,704.77. The Pastoral Team has been so busy with delegations that they haven't been able to actually purchase the new truck yet. But they will very soon. What a wonderful gift of safe and reliable transportation this will be for the Pastoral Team in their daily work and future delegations that visit. An enormous and heartfelt "Thank you!" goes to all who helped.

**How can you help support the  
Our Sister Parish mission?**

Would you like to become a sustaining member – helping to support the mission every month? Contact Betty Dyer at the Presbytery Office and she can get you the information.

Currently, we have 19 monthly gifts that help support the mission. You can join that list to help your mission!



Pictured is the Pastoral House in Berlín where Rev. Katherine Pater lives and the Pastoral Team and Katherine work. This is where all delegations stay while visiting in Berlín.

**Power to the People**

We've all heard 'power phrases'... The Power of Love. Power up. Power behind the throne. Power hitter. Power trip. Power of prayer. Power struggle. Staying power. Firepower. Power play. More power to you! Balance of power. Knowledge is power. Flower power. Empowered.

Some of these are clearly positive, good things. Some not so much. Some could go either way, depending on which side of the power equation you fall. Whether we talk about it explicitly or not; whether we think about it or not...power exists and plays a role, sometimes when we least expect it.

Check out our co-worker Katherine's very thoughtful and thought-provoking blog on the subject here: <https://womanbetweenworlds.wordpress.com/2015/09/01/power-is-not-a-four-letter-word/>



*Ciseri, Ecce Home, 1871.*  
Never forget that Pilate had power—and so did Jesus. Having power is not a good thing or a bad thing. It depends on who wields that power, and how.

**EQUIPO PASTORAL**

La Casa Pastoral  
Berlín, Usulután, El Salvador

**COMPAÑEROS**

Presbytery of Des Moines  
Urbandale, Iowa, U.S.A.

More Medical Delegation pictures...

Currently  
in Berlin.  
Nov. 4-11

