

Presbytery of Des Moines (Presbytery)

Voted to enter into partnership with Cantón El Tablón, Berlín, Department of Usulután, El Salvador in 1991: The partnership expanded to include all cantones of the Parish of San José in 1994. The Presbytery is the overall sponsor and authority for this ecumenical ministry. All funds related to the El Salvador mission are received and disbursed by the Presbytery.

Compassion, Peace & Justice Task Force (CP&J)

Formerly the Social Ministries Committee of the Presbytery of Des Moines, CP&J Task Force is the Presbytery body under which the Our Sister Parish Mission and Compañeros operate. One member of Compañeros sits on the Task Force and reports to CP&J at its regular meetings.

Our Sister Parish Mission (OSP)

All ministries and projects that make up the partnership between Iowa Churches and the communities of Berlín, Department of Usulután, El Salvador, overseen by two working groups:

Compañeros

Volunteers of Iowans from the Presbytery, partner congregations, and other groups who coordinate projects and partnerships on behalf of the Presbytery.

Equipo Pastoral (Pastoral Team)

The Pastoral Team, made up of members of the cantones of Berlín, coordinate projects and partnerships with the communities and their directivas.

Church Partners

Congregations who have committed to partnership with a cantón or the broader OSP mission. Each partner congregation enters into a covenant with their partner cantón and has a working group within the congregation.

Mission Co-worker

Selected and supervised by Compañeros and the Pastoral Team, the co-worker is the liaison between partners and is the Presbytery's representative to the Pastoral Team. The co-worker's compensation is shared by Compañeros and the Presbytery.

Don Justo Coffee

Coffee Coordinator(s) and the Pastoral Team work together to purchase, ship and sell local Salvadoran coffee. Funds are received and disbursed by the Presbytery per a mutually agreed upon distribution.

Other Projects

Special projects and emergency responses as agreed upon by Compañeros and the Pastoral Team, including medical delegations, disaster assistance, and projects including all cantones.