

## Chiapas Global Justice Trip - June 14-24, 2010

### United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities



Faculty Trip Leader: **Chris Smith**

Assistant Leader: **Don Christensen**

In Country Trip Leader – **Teresa Ortiz** – Mexican educator from the Twin Cities who lived and worked in Chiapas

**Estimated Price:** 20 participants - \$1750 15 participants - \$1875

Airfare and trip expenses included, this price does not include course tuition.

**Description:** Until the Spanish conquest over 500 years ago, the country we know as Mexico today was the land of indigenous people. This began a long history of slavery, oppression, and genocide that still continues throughout Mexico. This trip will focus on the southern most state of the country, Chiapas. While there we will experience the pervasive strength of Mayan indigenous culture and spirituality. We will meet individuals and communities working for change and liberation there: 1. The ongoing struggle for autonomy and liberation of the Zapatistas, 2. The active non-violence strategies of Las Abejas, and 3. The liberation theology influence of Bishop Samuel Ruiz who served the Diocese of San Cristobal for over thirty years. During our time in Chiapas we will visit co-operatives, ecological projects, religious communities, worship in Acteal with Las Abejas, and spend time with some of the Zapatista leaders.

**I need to know how many students are seriously interested in the trip so I am asking you to make a \$200 deposit that is completely refundable until firm plans are made in September. Make this out to UTS and give it to Sue Johnson and give this completed Form to Adam Pfuhl, our faculty program assistant.** (Chris Smith)

**Deadline:** June 1, 2009

This trip is open to UTS students first, and then we always welcome guests. If you have further questions please call Chris Smith at 651-255-6128 or e-mail her at [csmith@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:csmith@unitedseminary.edu)

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