

El Salvador Global Justice Trip – March 18-26, 2010

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities



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 In Country Trip Leader – **Staff member from The Center For Global Education**

Estimated Price: 20 participants - \$1775 15 participants - \$1985

Airfare and trip expenses covered, tuition for those who choose to take this course for academic credit is not included

Description: El Salvador’s population is appropriately 6.6 million people, with 90% of the population being of mixed Indian and Spanish descent. It is a democratic republic with a very complex political, social, and economic past and present. El Salvador is a country where there have been particularly well know church figures who have been assassinated during the country’s 12 year civil war from 1980 to 1992. Monsignor Oscar Romero, world known liberation theologians and activists, women in mission from The United States, and over 75,000 poor Salvadorans were killed during these years. We will be studying the complex economic and military history of El Salvador leading up to the civil war, and we will visit with people who will help us understand the forces of oppression that produced such massive death throughout the country. We will visit with representatives of political parties, with people involved in economic and co-operative projects that help sustain poor communities, and we will visit the home of Monsignor Romero and the Central American University where the six Jesuit priests taught, worked, and died. One of the distinct theological issues that permeates the life and theology of El Salvador is martyrdom. We will explore this concept in depth as well as the enormous theological contributions made to Latin American Liberation Theology by Salvadoran Professors Ignacio Ellacuria, Jon Sobrino, and others.

Rare Opportunity: In 2010, we will join thousands of people from the international community in commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of Monsignor Romero’s death on March 24. (This trip is related to, but not dependent on taking The Liberation Theology of Jon Sobrino, course offered by Chris Smith in spring, 2010).

Deadline For Refundable \$200 Deposit: October 15, 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

Name _____ E – Mail _____

Telephone _____ Address _____

For guests, will you please send your \$200 deposit made out to United Theological Seminary, and the simple form above, into Adam Pfuhl United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, 3000 Fifth Street Northwest, New Brighton, MN 55112

Guests:

- 1. At some point in the process you will need to pay a \$225 audit fee**
- 2. If you are not an alum of the seminary, and you have not enrolled as a non degree student before this trip, you will need to fill out a non degree student application form at some point as well**
- 3. If you are a clergy person you will have the opportunity to take the course for professional continuing education**

You do not need to take care of anything right now except the initial deposit and turning in the basic information above to Adam Pfuhl.

I anticipate that this trip will fill up quickly, so if you are considering it seriously you need to make a deposit to hold your place soon! Chris Smith