

Do you want:

- Human rights to be central to U.S. foreign policy?
- To stop violations of human rights?
- To end weapons sales in the hemisphere?
- To promote economic policies that will end poverty and benefit all people?
- To protect workers' rights?
- To encourage fair trade?
- To safeguard the environment?
- To promote peace with justice?

Then, you really need to join HoCoFoLA!

And... you don't have to live or work in Howard County to be a member!

Mission Statement

Howard County Friends of Latin America promotes awareness, activism, and social responsibility in the United States for more just relationships with Latin America.

To fulfill its mission, HoCoFoLA:

- Presents educational programs
- Connects visiting Latin Americans with U.S. officials and media
- Exposes human rights violations and any U.S. involvement in them
- Educates and informs officials on Latin American relations
- Participates in nonviolent demonstrations
- Explores how U.S. policies in Latin America are linked to injustice here at home
- Advocates that international lending agencies fund sustainable development
- Promotes fair trade
- Responds to emergencies
- Promotes sister communities
- Raises funds to support progressive grassroots efforts

"It just seems clear to me that as long as we are all here, it's pretty clear that the struggle is to share the planet, rather than divide it."

and

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."

Alice Walker (1944 -), author and activist on environmental, feminist, and social justice causes.

"One just principle from the depths of a cave is more powerful than an army"

José Martí
1853-1895
Cuban poet, author, patriot, national hero

"It is better to die on one's feet than to live on one's knees."

Emiliano Zapata
1883 - 1919
Mexican revolutionary,
champion of agrarianism

"This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. . . We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own."

Oscar Romero
1917-1980
Archbishop of San Salvador, 1977 - 1980

"True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring. A true revolution of values will soon look uneasily on the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth. With righteous indignation, it will look across the seas and see individual capitalists of the West investing huge sums of money in Asia, Africa and South America, only to take the profits out with no concern for the social betterment of the countries, and say: 'This is not just.' It will look at our alliance with the landed gentry of Latin America and say: 'This is not just.' The Western arrogance of feeling that it has everything to teach others and nothing to learn from them is not just."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
1929 - 1968
Head of SCLC,
Winner of Nobel Peace Prize 1964

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Please call me; I want to:

- attend regular meetings
- help with events
- visit, phone, or send letters to Congress
- join in civil or political actions

Call me about my interest in:

Howard County Friends of Latin America began in the early 1980s as the local expression of a national movement opposed to U.S. military intervention in Central America. This work has continued and has evolved through the years.

We monitor U.S. policies in Latin America, provide public education, promote citizen participation, and advocate on behalf of marginalized people of that region. Our hope is that our efforts will help improve governmental and corporate policies in order to support justice, peace, bottom-up democracy, and self-determination.

We support the efforts of other local and national organizations that work for peace and justice in the U.S. and abroad.

HoCoFoLA is a committee of the Columbia Cooperative Ministry (CCM) Interfaith Task Force (ITTF) on Human Rights and World Hunger.

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