

AMMPARO

Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities

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Dear friends of AMMPARO,

We want to thank you for helping advance the important work of accompanying and protecting migrant children and families through your generous contribution to AMMPARO. Although the past year has presented many changes and challenges in the work of migrant justice, faith voices have coalesced around the principles of dignity and generosity to immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. In 2023 and beyond, congregational engagement and advocacy continue to be urgent, and as new opportunities for immigration reform are proposed, your support will be critical.

ELCA AMMPARO has been able to grow significantly to date, reaching congregations in 58 ELCA synods with 235 welcoming and sanctuary congregations and 10 Guardian Angel programs, where church volunteers become the physical presence of the church in immigration courts to pray for and accompany migrant children and their families through their court process.

Congregational and synod support also enables AMMPARO to provide direct assistance to migrants by supporting legal assistance on a pro bono basis at the U.S./Mexican border as well as direct aid to migrants who have been repatriated to their home countries through emergency humanitarian aid, vocational training, seed capital for microenterprises, psycho-social trauma counseling and more. Together with this letter, you will find an infographic showing a summary of the 2022 progress reports from our international AMMPARO companions.

In addition to physically and spiritually accompanying migrants in your community, one of the key aspects you can continue to support is our advocacy leadership at the national level, where the ELCA continues to be a voice of justice and compassion for migrants and refugees in the U.S. and the Americas.

With your ongoing support, AMMPARO will continue to work on all of these fronts, expanding its reach into more synods and congregations, growing its impact as a voice of advocacy in halls of power and courtrooms, and speaking out as a voice of compassion to vulnerable populations around the world.

Thank you for joining us in this important work.

Yours in Christ,

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2022 IMPACT IN NUMBERS

US Network

235 Welcoming
Congregations

35 Synod
Committees

58 Engaged
Synods

10 Guardian Angel
programs

Advocacy

1109 Actions / emails

30 Public
Engagement

16 Sign Ons

Accompaniment

International
Companions
In Mexico, Central
& South America



HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE

12,587
People



PSYCHOLOGICAL
ACCOMPANIMENT

564
People



ECONOMIC
LIVELIHOODS

716
People

