

Alianza Americas grieves and condemns the murder of two Jesuit priests in Chihuahua, Mexico

On June 20, Javier Campos Morales, S.J. and Joaquín César Mora Salazar, S.J., were murdered inside a church in Cerocahui, Chihuahua. Both had a long history of committed work in accompanying the community, and defending human rights and the right to a dignified life; it was the guiding force behind their life's work. The member organizations of Alianza Americas express their condemnation and pain in the face of these violent acts, which are grievous for the community of Cerocahui and the Mexican people. We express our solidarity and support for the Jesuit community at this time.

We call for prompt and effective justice in the face of these killings; in this case, this will involve recovering the bodies of the victims that were stolen by the perpetrators of the crime. Likewise, we demand that relevant Mexican authorities (both state and federal) immediately take all necessary actions to protect the Cerocahui community. Unfortunately, these violent acts are part of a pattern of violence plaguing Mexico, which local, state, and federal authorities have not been able to confront and control.

Beyond the response of public authorities, it is also necessary to respond to the conditions and contexts driving violence in Mexico. We recognize the dimension of this challenge, and we are concerned that actions are not being taken to preserve the life, liberty, and dignity of people in Mexico. We will continue to work and advocate against inequities, for the deepening of democracy, and for pushing narratives and uplifting voices in favor of life, liberty, and well-being of all people in Mexico.

The Alianza Americas coalition is:

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Association of Guatemalans Without Frontiers (*Asociación de Guatemaltecos Sin Fronteras*)
Alabama Latino AIDS Coalition
Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice (ACIJ)
Arkansas United
ASOSAL (Association of Salvadorans in Los Angeles - *Asociación de Salvadoreños de Los Angeles*)
CARECEN-DC
CARECEN-San Francisco
CARECEN-Los Angeles
Casa de la Cultura El Salvador
Casa Yurumein
Center for Immigrant Progress

Centro Presente
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Centro San Bonifacio
CIELO (Indigenous Communities in Leadership - *Comunidades Indígenas en Liderazgo*)
Womens' Transnational Collective (*Colectivo de Mujeres Transnacionales*)
COPAL
CRLN - Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America
Diáspora Hondureña Internacional (DHI)
Dominican Development Center
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Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC)
Hondurans Against Aids
Illinois Workers in Action
Latinas en Poder
Latino Commission on AIDS
Latino Policy Forum
LILA LGBTQ, Inc
Living Hope Wheelchair Association
Mission Guatemala
Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLA)
ONECA (Black Central American Organization - *Organizacion Negra Centroamericana*)
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Mexican Network of Leaders and Migrant Organizations (*Red Mexicana de Líderes y Organizaciones de Migrantes*)
Rural Women's Health Project
Seeds of Resistance
Southeast Immigrant Rights Network (SEIRN)
St Brigid's Casa Mary Johanna
Strangers No Longer
Telpochacalli Community Education Project
Tennessee Immigrant Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)
WIN! The Welcome Immigrant Network
United for a Fair Economy
We Count!
Wind of the Spirit
Women Working Together