

Workshop: Discover Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Stand for the Land campaign

This Fall campaign is NOT about raising money, but raising awareness of the plight of those less fortunate, and learning what we can do to make a difference.

November 5 - 19

This fall, we're continuing the Create Hope: Stand for the Land campaign. This time, we'll be meeting communities in northern Honduras who have been struggling to preserve their land and water since an iron ore mine opened in Carlos Escaleras National Park, and poisoned the rivers on which they depend for their livelihoods.

“We live every day with the fear of being killed or having one of our children taken away.”— Juana Zúniga, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colón

Together, let's support the communities of Guapinol and San Pedro in Honduras!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to the call from our partner ERIC–Radio Progreso to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. **We stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain: 1) Justice 2) Reparations and protection 3)The cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits 4)The restoration of their national park**

“It is urgent to cancel all mining in this area of our park. All the damage caused to our rivers and mountains must be repaired.” — Daniel Márquez, Guapinol defender and former political prisoner

Let's ask the Honduran government to better protect environmental and human rights defenders and to act for justice. Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador at devp.org/act.

For more information, contact: Sue Robinson 306 640-9091 or visit devp.org/campaign.

November 26 – December 3

Let's heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and let's act!

Pope Francis calls us to hear “the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” (Laudato Si’, 49). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. **Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023.**

“The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment.”

— Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC–Radio Progreso

Act now! Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park (devp.org/act).

Thank you for standing for the land Thousands of Canadians signed the letter in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Honduras who are protecting their water and fighting for their rights.

The Create Hope – Stand for the Land campaign aims to collect 32,000 signatures by February 25, 2024. A delegation of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada members and staff will then meet with the Honduran ambassador to Canada to show our support and solidarity.

On behalf of all those struggling to preserve their land, their water, their culture and their lives, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your continued commitment and mobilization. Together, we are building a world of justice. ü To sign our petition and to continue supporting our campaign, visit devp.org/act. ü To become a member and support our mission, visit devp.org/joinus