



ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY TO VISIT RENO

"The eternal God is always acting in our present, blessing us with the Gospel of Jesus and leading us to discover that **today is a time of great opportunities** to explore, dreams to make reality, new missions to start and new ministries to be open in every congregation."

These are the hopeful words of Rev. Jose Luis la Torre-Cuadros, who will visit Reno November 21st and 22nd. Pastor Jose Luis was recently appointed to the Bishop's staff at Sierra Pacific Synod. As a Bishop's Assistant, he focuses on issues of justice and the community, and serves as the Bishop's liaison to Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Nevada, Lutheran Office of Public Policy, Lutheran Social Services, and the Leadership Discipling Team.

LAMN is very excited at the prospect of meeting with Rev. Jose Luis la Torre-Cuadros on November 22nd. We will have the opportunity to orient Pastor Jose Luis on the way our state government operates, and how LAMN operates, both very different from the situation with which he is familiar in California. We will explain how LAMN and our ecumenical partner Religious Alliance in Nevada have gained credibility and access at the Legislature through the hard work of our Advocate, Larry Struve. We will outline some of our legislative successes, and how we hope to build on those successes in the future. We will also discuss the challenges we face, mainly reduced funding and the need for more people to help. LAMN, like other groups working for justice, finds itself in a political, economic and social environment that seems to need more reform all the time, in spite of our best efforts.

So we are hopeful that Pastor Jose Luis will have not only a faith-filled message of hope, but also some creative ideas to help us move forward. **There will be a "working lunch" with the Bishop's Assistant at Faith Lutheran at noon on November 22, 2011. Supporters of LAMN are invited to attend. Please email scf1@charter.net to make a reservation.**

Pastor Jose Luis was born in Lima, Peru. He earned a degree in Law and Political Science from San Marcos University, then attended the Evangelical Seminary of Lima, and was ordained in 1998. His last call in Peru was to the Lutheran Congregation Cristo Rey in Lima, and since 2005, Pastor Jose Luis has served as the Hispanic Ministry Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sacramento. He has also served as Dean of the Sacramento Conference and a member at large of the Synod Council.

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