

1) Mission Congregation Profile

Name of Ministry: Santa Isabel ELCA

Leader(s): Rev. Ramon Collazo, Marisol Soto, William Diaz, Melba Quintana, Michelle Cordero

Pictures:



Immigration Forum on immigration reform with a lawyer, Certified Public Accountant, and other experts in immigration.



In the photograph with part of our immigration network

From left to right: Vera (PICO and NJ Dreamers), Ramon Collazo, Carlos Rojas (PICO), Kathy O'Leary (Pax Christi), and Diana Mejias (Wind of Spirit) in front of the Elizabeth Detention Center.



Santa Isabel Maundy Thursday Service

We celebrated with a dinner/worship service.



Santa Isabel during Fellowship

The Santa Isabel Family celebrates Dia del Amor y la Amistad (Day of love and friendship). In the photograph part people whose birthday is in February. In photograph from left to right: Maria Rivas, Haydee Colon, Emma Rosario, Sofia Idrovo, Wilson Idrovo, and Ramon Collazo. Other three persons were on vacation.



Johan Viafara a professional Soccer player from Colombia and member of Santa Isabel training his 7-9 year old soccer team during the winter at the Elizabeth Lutheran Center.

Description of Ministry:

Santa Isabel is the link and help for people to be empower in a society that treats them as if they had no voice. We are a Lutheran mission that bears witness to God's grace in the community. We love to work in social issues and community organizing. Our focus is in immigration (Forums, application drives and other) and education (ESL Classes and Immigration Law). We have an extended ministry at the Elizabeth Detention Center with worship and bible

study every Friday night. Our hopes for the future are to contribute in the development of the Spanish Diakonia program in New Jersey and a ministry Sanando Heridas (Healing Wounds). Healing Wounds will focus on Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." In this ministry we will integrate mental health professionals and pastoral care.

Prayer:

O God, make us what you will, that we may be your people in this world, bearing witness to your goodness and salvation. May those around us be touch by your Holy Spirit and may we be open to your presence with us as we encounter others for your sake. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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