

FOR VISION STATEMENT

The Fellowship of Reconciliation envisions a world of justice, peace, and freedom. It is a revolutionary vision of a beloved community where differences are respected, conflicts addressed nonviolently, oppresive structures dismantled, and where people live in harmony with the earth, nurtured by diverse spiritual traditions that foster compassion, solidarity, and reconciliation.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION - FOR A WORLD OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND NONVIOLENCE



U.S. Tour by Mexican Peace Movement Leader Olga Reyes Salazar

RIVERSIDE SCHEDULE

November 17 ≈≈ 7 to 9 pm --- FREE

Community Settlement Association

4366 Bermuda Ave, Riverside, CA 92507

November $18 \approx \approx 7$ to 9 pm.

Closing Reception and FOR Fundraiser-Canyon Crest Winery

5225 Canyon Crest Dr. Suite 7A Riverside, CA 92507

RSVP Required by November 15 as space is limited: \$30 person / \$50 couple

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"Olga Reyes Salazar brings a powerful testimony of the human costs of the drug war, militarism and gun trafficking, and of the growing movement to forge a different path in Mexico. Olga comes from a long-time activist family in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua. She has lost six members of her family in the last three years, and 20 members of her family have fled into exile. Since then, she has participated in three peace caravans that have crossed Mexico and the United States to console other victims and to address the causes of violence in policies on both sides of the border."

---John Lindsay-Poland-FOR Research and Advocacy Director. www.icfor.org

MOVEMENT FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE AND DIGNITY IN MEXICO

Olga Reyes Salazar

The Fellowship of Reconciliation will host Mexican peace movement leader Olga Reyes, who has seen six members of her family killed in the last two and a half years.

Olga Reyes Salazar comes from a long-time activist family in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, in Mexico. Her sister, Josefina Reyes, was a prominent activist for human rights and demilitarization in Juárez until she was murdered January 3, 2010, after one of her sons had been jailed and another murdered. In February 2011, Olga's sister, brother, and sister-in-law were abducted, and <u>subsequently found killed</u>. Olga's mother Sara issued <u>a remarkable appeal to the kidnappers</u> of her children, just before the family house was burned down. <u>"The Reyes Salazar Plight"</u> recounts the family's successful leadership in the nonviolent struggle to stop the Sierra Blanca nuclear waste dump in the 1990s.

Since the killing of her two siblings and sister-in-law last year, Olga has participated in the two "caravans of consolation" led by poet Javier Sicilia, that traveled from central Mexico to the U.S. border and to Chiapas near the Guatemala border. She is participating in the Caravan for Peace with Justice and Dignity that is traversing the United States this summer.

Olga's visit is part of longer-term work to change the militarized drug policy of the United States in Mexico, cross-border gun trafficking, and/or solidarity support for addressing the human rights crisis in Mexico. It builds on the previous tours by Olga's brother Saúl Reyes and Juan Fraire Escobedo, the Caravan for Peace with Justice and Dignity, and Borderlands Heeding God's Call.

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For more information, contact FOR research and advocacy director <u>John Lindsay-Poland</u>. <u>www.icfor.org</u>

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