

"Awakening Faith and Transforming the World: Leadership Development for Youth and Parish Ministry Teams to respond to Laudato Sí." September 27-October 1, 2020

Day One: Travel to Juticalpa, Honduras and Orientation

The Institute will provide transportation by our own staff from Tegucigalpa to the city of Juticalpa in the Department of Olancho. After settling into your accommodations, staff and participants will attend Mass, partake in a welcome dinner, and receive a brief orientation to the week.

Day Two: Focus on What is Happening to our Common Home

Attendees will tour the area and visit villages facing issues that often lead to migration. This will include meeting with residents. The afternoon will consist of didactic sessions that are designed to provide information and to stimulate reflection/judgement. After dinner the group will reconvene to discuss how to stimulate action in their own communities in response to what was learned today.

Day Three: Integral Ecology

The group will tour schools and town and meet with employees of the Olancho Aid Foundation and children and parents who will share stories about local culture, their Catholic faith, the identity of their home community and the threats to the family structure.

Day Four: Ecological Education and Spirituality

The group will tour water purification sites and visit ongoing ecological projects. They will also meet with educators at a primary and secondary school to discuss how they are helping students create a healthy relationship with creation. U.S. volunteers associated with these projects will provide information about their own experience. The afternoon will consist of didactic sessions that provide information and stimulate reflection/judgement. After dinner the group will reconvene to discuss how to stimulate action in their own faith communities in response to what was learned during the week.

Day Five: Travel

The group will travel back to Tegucigalpa with Foundation staff who will help with checking-in, customs forms and accompany attendees to their gates.

The Foundation provides housing, security, English-speaking staff, transportation and all meals. All attendees will have an opportunity to attend mass daily while in Juticalpa.