



Sister Parish, Inc. Mission and Vision



Our Mission:

Sister Parish exists to foster mutual understanding and a commitment to peace and justice among people in the United States and Central America. This objective is pursued through intentional linking between churches and Christian communities in the U.S. and in Central America. Delegation travel to the North and the South is an essential aspect in enhancing awareness and understanding, and in nurturing closer relationships.

Our Vision:

We believe the Kingdom of God is already present but not complete, and the liberating Gospel calls us to work together to build this Kingdom through:

- **Consciousness-Raising** - We will seek to transform the world by sharing each other's experiences so that we can better understand and overcome the sources of injustice and oppression.
- **Solidarity** - By putting ourselves in the reality of others and by building an interdependent community of brothers and sisters within and among countries, we will promote mutual respect and dignity for all people, advocate for human rights and work for social and economic justice for all.
- **Reconciliation** - We will live in peace with one another by finding the courage to recognize our own failings and to forgive each other despite the history of violence that has caused so much pain.
- **Ecumenism** - We will accept each other and respect each person's beliefs and practices, as we unite to work together so that all may share equally in the fullness of God's creation.

To further this mission and vision, Sister Parish links churches and faith communities in the North with faith communities, churches, or Christian Base Communities in Central America, so that they may experience the realities of each other's lives on religious, political, social, cultural, and economic levels. Sister Parish believes that these linkages (or *hermanamientos*) affirm dignity, deepen faith, reflect a shared spirit, build understanding, and stimulate a new worldview in both North and South.