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Luther College Students Receiving Hands-On Learning about Life in El Salvador

February 12, 2018 – Students from Luther College High School in Regina are preparing for a once-in-a-lifetime experience to learn firsthand about life in El Salvador. Eighteen grade 11 and 12 students and three faculty leave Friday, February 16, 2018 to spend their Family Week break in the country.

The students are enrolled in Christian Ethics 30, a course that examines personal values and local and global perspectives of justice. The purpose of the trip is to give students a fresh perspective of a life much different from their own. Thanks to a local organization, Crispaz, students will interact closely with the people of El Salvador.

Pastor David Peterson teaches Christian Ethics at Luther College. He says, “What makes this mission trip unique is its emphasis on being present to others - rather than a mentality that we must do something for them. One of the greatest gifts we can give to another is our full and undivided presence, and learning and listening to another’s story is an act of solidarity.”

“Certainly the El Salvador delegation is the most transformative learning experience I have ever been a part of as a teacher,” says trip leader Kris Dueck. “Students are challenged to dig deep inside of themselves, and to reflect on the ways that developed nations derive much of their wealth from their economic relationship with developing countries. This experience teaches students to listen, to be allies in justice and to consider how they might help make strides towards a more equitable world.”

Some of the highlights of the trip will include spending two nights sharing in village life while billeted with El Salvadoran families, visiting sites of importance to Archbishop Romero’s ministry and death, and meeting with members of various grass-roots organizations to hear their stories.

Grade 12 Luther student Chan-Min Roh says, “I think this trip to El Salvador will increase awareness of how others live, and help me become more aware of the diversity of community. Plus, I’m curious about other cultures and different societies.”

Once students return to Regina, they will reflect on how their experiences in El Salvador can have an impact on living justly and faithfully back home.

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Students enrolled in Luther College often embark on educational trips around the world including El Salvador, Mexico, Africa, Costa Rica, and others.

Luther College High School is a historical independent high school offering grades 9-12, located in Regina, Saskatchewan. Our motto “Quality Education in a Christian context” refers to our emphasis on education of the whole person—intellectually, emotionally, spiritually and physically — within a progressive Christian context, where principles of love, community, grace and forgiveness are paramount.

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