



## NEWS BRIEFS

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### CLWR welcomes Elena Cedillo, executive director of our partner in Peru

It's always great to receive visitors at our Winnipeg office. Visits from CLWR's international partners have the added advantage of giving our staff and supporters a valuable opportunity to learn about our development work from an on-the-ground perspective. So we were more than happy to welcome Elena Cedillo to Winnipeg in early May.



Elena Cedillo  
Photo: Jennifer Clark

Ms. Cedillo is the executive director of Diaconia, the relief and development arm of the Peruvian Lutheran Church and a CLWR partner since 2007. While in Canada she attended the Ecumenical Conference on Mining in Toronto on behalf of CLWR, and then made the trip to Winnipeg to talk to CLWR staff and Manitoba Lutherans about her work.

Diaconia works in four Peruvian regions, and CLWR helps fund Diaconia's work with farmers in the department (province) of Ancash. Access to safe water is limited in the region. Deforestation and a lack of attention to soil conservation has led to poor soil quality, lower crop yields and less nutrients in the diets of the residents of Ancash. Though mining has boosted Peru's economy, it has polluted the country's water, including Ancash's Casma River basin. Widespread poverty and lack of clean water makes civil unrest common in the region.



Agriculture in Peru  
Photo: Wendy Kroeker

CLWR supports Diaconia's youth education programs on environmental sustainability. Drawing competitions, workshops, and field trips that include tree planting and terrace construction teach students about soil and water conservation and the effects of deforestation and mining. Instruction on human rights, including the right to food, clean water and air, is another important component of the program. Diaconia reports that the students have taken the lessons to heart and are committing to responsible management of Peru's natural resources.

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Watch CLWR's new info video: *CLWR: Then and Now*  
Attend an event in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, or Nova Scotia

## UPCOMING EVENTS – June

- June 18 *Awareness Builder workshop*  
(see across for details)
- June 20 *World Refugee Day – Open House*  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
CLWR B.C. office  
80 E 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
New Westminster, B.C.  
604.540.9760 [senait@clwrbc.ca](mailto:senait@clwrbc.ca)
- June 23 to June 25 *Atlantic Food Justice Camp*  
presented by  
Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
A weekend to explore food issues,  
faith, & hunger  
Big Lake Camp, Oxford, NS  
Visit [http://bit.ly/CFGFB\\_AFJC](http://bit.ly/CFGFB_AFJC) for info &  
to register.
- June 25 *Saskatoon Children’s Choir concert*  
7:30 p.m., Marysburg, SK  
Tickets \$15 – call 306.682.3543
- June 30 *Sing Africa! Farewell concert*  
Saskatoon Children’s Choir  
7:30 p.m.  
Aden Bowman Collegiate, Saskatoon  
Advance \$10, door \$12  
Call Rita at 306.374.8077 for tickets  
  
*The [Saskatoon Children’s Choir](#) is  
partnering with CLWR on our youth-  
sponsored commodities shipment to  
South Africa.*

## Want to learn more about CLWR?

### Do you live in Calgary or the surrounding area?

Attend our Awareness Builders workshop!

You’ll learn more about how CLWR is working to strengthen communities around the globe and the resource materials we have to help you tell the story to your congregation.



Saturday, June 18,  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hope Lutheran  
Church  
3527 Boulton Rd.  
NW, Calgary

To register, contact  
Jennifer at  
[jennifer@clwr.mb.ca](mailto:jennifer@clwr.mb.ca)  
or  
1.800.661.2597

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## Watch CLWR on YouTube

We’ve just launched our new [info video](#) on our [YouTube channel](#) and we’d like you to tell us what you think!

Watch it, leave us a comment, and while you’re there, feel free to check out our other videos & those of related organizations. They’re great sources of information on CLWR’s work and international development and relief.

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