

BREAKING NEWS UPDATE: Bishop Gene Robinson to Facilitate July LGBT Course



Bishop Gene Robinson, the first openly gay Episcopal Bishop and a longtime LGBT advocate, will facilitate the Global School's July Course on LGBTI Ministry here in El Salvador. [Find out more](#) about the course and [email us](#) to reserve your spot today!



Crunchy Connections

The Apopa women find fashionable friends

Last October, [the Wall Street Journal](#) recognized an innovative new design cooperative here in El Salvador called [the Carrot Concept](#). Cristosal contacted the Carrot Team, bringing their designers together with the Apopa women's cooperative. This month they signed an agreement to co-develop a brandname shoe called *Caytes*, pairing the cooperative's skills with the Carrot's marketing expertise to create one powerful partnership!

Construction in Las Anemonas

A democratic response to displacement

For years Cristosal has been working with the urban community of [Las Anemonas](#) to legalize their land. Our legal team has now discovered that the Ministry of Public Works plans to construct a mega bus terminal that would displace the community for the third time in a generation. Last week, Cristosal's Community Development Program Director, Walter Orantes, met with community members to elect a seven-member committee to advocate on behalf of the 1,000 residents in the future development of the area.



Anemona 2 meets to learn how the megaterminal will affect their future.



Thank You Olivia!

Goodbye El Salvador, Hello Grad School

Global School Coordinator Olivia Amadon will leave Foundation Cristosal at the end of May after two extraordinary years. Olivia is returning to Boston to attend Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. Olivia has transformed the Global School, and we will all miss her.

Ernesto and Olivia, Co-Coordinators of the Cristosal Global School

Olivia, we just want to say from all of us here at Cristosal, "¡mil gracias y buena suerte!"

Human Rights & Emigration

New research in the Human Rights office

Salvadorans forcibly displaced by violence have few resources to seek refugee status or asylum abroad. Cristosal's Human Rights Office is the only organization in El Salvador that provides direct pro bono legal assistance to these individuals. Now, a new research team of five North American interns is reviewing case studies and immigration policy to improve the office's ability to successfully petition on behalf of families fleeing threats of violence.



A recent UN report found 58% of minors stopped at the border were forcibly displaced by violence, as opposed to 13% in 2006.