

## *Libre Congregación Unitaria de México (LCUM)'s*

Dear ICUU brothers and sisters,

We are pleased to inform you of **Libre Congregación Unitaria de México (LCUM)**'s activities from september 2007 to september 2008.

### **Activities**

We meet in Public Unitarian Worship (PUW) sessions twice a month in a public rented space at La Casa de los Amigos (Quaker Meetinghouse) close to Mexico City Downtown. Our PUW are publicized through our Yahoo E-mail group (450 members, the biggest Spanish speaking U\*U E-mail group), and our blog (342 hits in September), our Facebook Group has now 7 members .The most important weekly magazine about cultural activities and entertainment in Mexico City (Tiempo Libre) uses to publish our invitations for free around once a month. In 2007 we had a **7-10** assistance to our PUW sessions. In 2008 we have had a **10-15** assistance. In our recent September 27th 2008 PUW session we initiated with a Small Group Ministry once a month called Grupo Cáliz.

### **Unitarism in Public**

In December 17th 2007 a Public Cultural Radio Station (Radio Educación) broadcasted a 1 hour issue of the series "Entre Hombres Sin-Vergüenzas" (a series on masculinities) on Masculinity and Spirituality on the views of Unitarians about it.

Francisco Javier Lagunes published an Op-Ed about the dynamics of the so called "Ex-Gay movement" as member of LCUM (with LCUM's blog address included) in the most popular and read newspaper of Mexico City (La Prensa). The article was circulated worldwide by the specialized news agency NotieSe.

In the context of the AIDS World Conference 2008, we offered two activities inside the Interfaith Zone of the Global Village, an interfaith worship praising diversities (A Flower Communion) and a talk about Religious Pluralism and Sexuality.

We have good relations with Religious Society of Fiends, Mexico City Monthly Meeting. They offered in one of our PUW a talk about Quakerism, and the environmentalist Quaker activist Rolene Walker offered to us a talk about her walk from San Francisco to Santiago de Chile. And also been members of the Red Interreligiosa de México, an Interfaith Peace and Dialog Project.

### **Development and perspectives**

We are preparing for our third aniversario in February 2009 a formal Congregational Assembly to formally incorporate our group.

Besides the new positive result of the Grupo Chalice (SGM), another important activity that may help our congregation to invigorate its meaning and purpose is a proyect of action on social

justice towards the wide community. So we are preparing to relaunch this work as **Comité Unitario de Servicio de México**, with a prison ministry.

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Regards in liberal faith,

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