

¡ADELANTE CRLN!

**A TRIBUTE TO
SHARON HUNTER-SMITH**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 12
OPEN HOUSE
3-6 PM (CDT)**



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ONLINE OR IN PERSON**

UNIVERSITY CHURCH
5655 South University Ave. Chicago, IL 60637

DEAR FRIENDS,

All of us in the CRLN family will miss having Sharon Hunter-Smith as one of our core staff. Sharon has been a central part of the life of the organization since she began writing human rights alerts in 2003. It is difficult for us to imagine a CRLN without Sharon playing such a significant role leading our Latin America program and her accompaniment of many immigrants seeking asylum and human rights defenders fighting for their lands and even their lives.

Yet at the same time, we feel joyful at being present for the next stage of Sharon's life -- a much-deserved break from the duties she has carried out each day for more than a decade and a half. On behalf of the CRLN family, I offer a collective message of deep gratitude for so many years of service to the mission of CRLN. They have born great fruit. We are fortunate that Sharon will still be part of the CRLN family. She will be continuing as a CRLN member and as a representative of University Church in many of our activities.

Like most transitions the closing of one chapter is also the opening of a new one. As we mark Sharon's departure, we welcome aboard new staff members: Jhonathan F. Gómez as our new Latin America Program Coordinator and Evelyn Andrade as our new Administrative Assistant. We are very excited to welcome Jhonathan and Evelyn to our staff and look forward to the great work we will do together to further our organizational mission of defending the human rights of all "Americans", including those within our national borders and those across the hemisphere. We invite you to be part of this journey with us! Please consider making a donation in honor of Sharon's accompaniment work to support the journey ahead!

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PROGRAM:

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

LOCATION:

University Church

5655 South University Ave.

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Join us in person anytime during our open house from 3-6 pm to talk with Sharon, meet new staff, tour our new office and enjoy music, food and drink. During our program (in person and virtual) from 4:30-5:30 pm we will share stories and celebrate Sharon's history of accompaniment for human rights in our hemisphere and CRLN's continuing commitment to this vision.

Please plan to wear a mask indoors to protect everyone. Socially distant seating will be available.



IN-PERSON:

Please RSVP to let us know if you can join us in person at <https://bit.ly/CRLNRSVP>



VIRTUALLY:

To join the program virtually at 4:30 please register in advance at: <https://bit.ly/TributeProgram>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



CONTRIBUTE:

You can make a contribution in Sharon's honor at: <https://bit.ly/TributetoSharon>

Please send any videos, photos or greetings for Sharon to Marilyn McKenna at mmckenna@crln.org to be included in her keepsake album. Feel free to add a greeting or photo to the album at the event.



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