

TRAINING LEADERS

Hispanic Cross-cultural Ministry, Belize

Supporting Hispanic congregations and bringing them into the life of the church

In their own words

‘This Project is a mission priority for the church because it will enhance the inclusion of the Hispanic missions in our diocese.’

– Bishop of Belize, the Rt Revd Philip S Wright



Belize factfile

Capital: Belmopan

Languages: English (official), Spanish, Creole, Mayan dialects, Garifuna (Carib) and German

Religion: Christianity

Export: Bananas, cocoa, citrus fruits, sugar, fish, cultured shrimp, lumber and garments

Further reading: ‘Understanding Belize: A Historical Guide’ by Alan Twigg (ISBN-10: 1550173251)

USPG in Belize

USPG (then SPG) sent the Revd Shaw to Belize in 1776 and has been supporting the Anglican Church there ever since. USPG also supports an environmental education Project in Belize



Father Juan Peralta, a Hispanic priest of the Selena community, Santa Cruz Church, Belize
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About this Project...

▶ **Target: £2,700/ €3,070 | Project 476**

The civil wars in Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador led refugees to settle in the west of Belize. These rural communities are at a distance from the coastal areas, where the Anglican Church has been based historically.

The Diocese of Belize is currently establishing new missionary congregations throughout the diocese, including congregations among the Hispanic communities.

The church is concerned to provide a central place of worship that the Hispanic congregations can call their own.

Many church texts and documents are not available in the Spanish language and are therefore inaccessible to these congregations. Part of the aim of the Project is to make translations available, so that Hispanic groups can learn about the beliefs, principles and the philosophy of the Anglican Church.

This Project will help to improve communication between the church and the Spanish-speaking communities.

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