

## Pastor Maritza Albertina Carrillo Herrera, El Salvador

Pastor of the Iglesia de Piedra Azul, Pastor Maritza is also a leader at the national level of the health program of the Lutheran Church in El Salvador. An organizer who inspires others to join in volunteering, she strengthens the group even as she strengthens the program. Maritza provides health counseling for families and helps integrate care for spiritual and mental health as part of health education, including developing workshops for families struggling with emotional challenges after the COVID-19 pandemic. She looks forward to learning about and promoting the healing potential of medicinal plants. She also leads a group focused on actions they can take to care for creation, including reforesting a protected area on the slopes of the San Miguel volcano, near the communities where she serves.

Through her holistic focus on health - physical, mental, and spiritual health as well as the health of our environment - Pastor Maritza responds to God's call to care for all of creation even as she leads others to do the same.

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