



2008 SYNOD ASSEMBLY OFFERING

The Southwestern Texas Synod, in partnership with the synod’s Global Mission Committee and Assembly Planning Team, invites you to make an offering to honor our ten-year partnership with the Lutheran Church of Costa Rica or “ILCO”. A challenge goal for each conference will help us reach our synod goal of \$100,000. ILCO will prioritize projects, based upon actual giving.

We will take **faithful and bold steps** to ensure the sustainability of ILCO by funding the **Youth Leadership Development Program**. **This project has been singled out by our companion synod as a high priority in their ministry**. The offering will go, in part, for infrastructure development of Manu Center, to meet the challenge of training youth for leadership.

Conference Goals:

Austin Conference	\$22,000	“Building Bunks”
San Antonio Conference	\$22,000	“Raising Leaders”
Hill Country Conference	\$18,000	“Scoring Goals”
Victoria Conference	\$17,000	“Saving a Sacred Space”
Coastal Bend Conference	\$15,000	“Creating Challenge”
Rio Grande Valley Conference	\$ 6,000	“Blazing a Trail”



VICTORIA CONFERENCE “Saving a Sacred Space” Project

Manu Center, a ministry of ILCO, is a tropical retreat center that covers thirty-one acres of forested and cleared land. The center offers programs for spiritual development, recreation and sustainable agriculture. Here, youth of Lutheran Church of Costa Rica will experience **leadership development** through four-day workshops.

The center has no chapel area for worship services. **The Victoria Conference** is asked to assist with the construction of a **chapel**, set on the edge of the rain forest.

Conference Goals:

The Power of Prayer: (foundation)	\$5,000
Proclaim the Word: (framing)	\$6,000
Lift up one another: (roof)	\$4,000
Music and Singing: (seating)	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$17,000