October 17-19 ENLACE hosted its fourth annual Pastor and Church Leader Retreat. This year, we were proud to have 11 churches represented. It is amazing to see the interest and commitment that is being generated in neighboring churches because of the wonderful example of our most committed churches. The pastors, church leaders and the ENLACE staff enjoyed a wonderful time in Biblical teaching, prayer and worship. This year, Ron Bueno shared compelling and motivating Biblical studies on the themes of grace, love and justice. In addition, Pastor Rafael Gonzalez, from the rapidly growing rural church in Comecayo shared a seminar on the theme of “how to transform a traditional church.” The pastors were captivated and intrigued by the presentation, asking numerous practical questions and discussing ideas of how to transform their churches. Time was also spent on Biblical training of servant leadership, practical discussions about specific experiences as well as regional strategic planning for the coming year. And of course there was plenty of time allotted for soccer and games.

The deep desire for and dialogue about community transformation was particularly exciting. It was inspiring to see that very transformation at work in the discussions and interactions of the event. As the different church leaders described challenges and blessings, prayed for one another, discussed the opportunities for transformation in their shared regions and listened to one another, the sense of community among the leadership was strengthened. This unity combined with their joined commitments to serve their individual communities with sacrificial love, promises healthy and sustainable efforts that will bring hope and healing throughout communities in El Salvador. Visit www.enlaceonline.org to see video testimonials and a wonderful slideshow of the event.

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We are so excited about all the emerging opportunities. There are more than a dozen new churches interested in attending next year’s event and receiving ongoing coaching from ENLACE. Help increase ENLACE’s ability to respond to the growing demand by becoming a friend of ENLACE.

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