The Mercy & Justice Team of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, Justice For Our Neighbors-Nebraska, Nebraska Appleseed, and Kansas Appleseed invite you to a screening of

*Trails of Hope and Terror*
A Migrant Justice Documentary

with Director Prof. Miguel De La Torre appearing in person

Friday, May 8th - 6pm First United Methodist Church, 900 O Street, Gering, NE
Saturday, May 16th - 2pm Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, 1600 W 27th St N, Wichita
Sunday, May 17th - 3pm First United Methodist Church, 210 Soule St, Dodge City
The film “Trails of Hope and Terror” focuses on exploring the historical and economic reasons for the current immigration crisis, and how politicians have used this issue to garner votes. The film also explores how some communities of faith are responding to the crisis. The documentary is based on the book with the same name. To see the trailer go to https://vimeo.com/79285280. http://www.trailsofhopeandterrorthemovie.com/

Rev. Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre is Professor of Social Ethics and Latino/a Studies at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. He has served as the elected 2012 President of the Society of Christian Ethics and currently serves as the Executive Officer for the Society of Race, Ethnicity and Religion. Dr. De La Torre is a recognized international Fulbright scholar who has taught at the Cuernavaca Center for Intercultural Dialogue on Development (Mexico), Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (Yogyakarta), University of Johannesburg (South Africa), and has taken students on immersion classes to Cuba and the Mexico/U.S. border to walk the migrant trails. De La Torre has received several national book awards and is a frequent speaker at national and international scholarly religious events and meetings. He also speaks at churches and nonprofit organizations on topics concerning the intersection of race, class and gender with religion.

De La Torre continued his theological training and obtained a doctorate from Temple University in social ethics in 1999. According to the books he published, he focuses on ethics within contemporary U.S. thought, specifically how religion affects race, class, and gender oppression. His works 1) applys a social scientific approach to Latino/a religiosity within this country; 2) studies Liberation theologies in the Caribbean and Latin America (specifically in Cuba); and 3) engages in postmodern/postcolonial social theory. In 1999 he was hired to teach Christian Ethics at Hope College in Holland, MI. De La Torre resigned his tenure in 2005 and took the position of associate professor for social ethics at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado.

Since obtaining his doctorate, De La Torre has authored numerous articles and books, including several books that have won national awards, specifically: Reading the Bible from the Margins, (Orbis, 2002); Santeria: The Beliefs and Rituals of a Growing Religion in America (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2004); and Doing Christian Ethics from the Margins, (Orbis, 2004). He has been an expert commentator concerning ethical issues (mainly Hispanic religiosity, LGBT civil rights, and immigration rights) on several local, national, and international media outlets. http://www.drmigueldelatorre.com/