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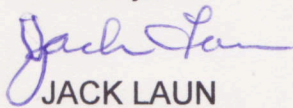
Dear Readers of the CSN Newsletter:

We are very pleased to bring to you our Summer 2016 Newsletter, which reports on activities of our April delegation to the Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado and to Bogota. The focus of this edition is on the preparations for an end to the armed conflict that Colombia has experienced for the last 70 years. We report on the views of the Peace Community's leadership and on the remarkable educational system which guides young people in the community to understand what the peaceful resistance to the use of arms means for their village.

CSN was delighted to be able to bring Carmenza Tez, a remarkable leader of the Kamentsa indigenous community in Colombia, to Wisconsin for our annual CSN National Conference and later to share her story with Wisconsin indigenous communities.

These activities, while very important to achieving our goal to educate and inform people here about Colombia, are costly. A big part of our budget each year goes to planning and taking delegations, as well as for outreach programs, and reporting on these activities through our webpage and Newsletter. This is a crucial time for peace and democracy in Colombia. We request your generous support so that CSN will be able to carry out these vital activities.

Thank you.


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