COFOA/PICO Leaders of the Zacatecoluca Diocese, La Paz meet with Attorney at Law Benito Antonio Lara Fernandez, Justice and Safety Ministry in El Salvador C.A.

This past Wednesday June 25th 2014, as a following step of the listening campaign against violence and unsafe conditions in La Paz Department, a group of 14 COFOA leaders of different municipalities of this Department, meet with attorney at law Mr. Benito Antonio Lara Fernandez ad of the Justice and Safety Ministry of the Country.
The meeting has two purposes; the first one was to introduce COFOA credential, and the beginning of a relationship with the Ministry, and the second purpose was to inform him about COFOA leaders listening campaign against violence, that COFOA leaders has been working in the municipalities where they belong, from their parishes, Mr. Lara from the beginning spoke about he will give leaders short time due his busy agenda, but leaders wait for him about an hour, and capture his attention when leaders start to explain him about the listening campaign and give leaders about 40 minutes.

When Yansi asked him about why he accept this challenge in this complicated Ministry, he joke and told leaders "maybe somebody doesn’t like him at all and this was the reason for he was appointed to this position"
On his own words he explain what this challenge mins for him in this moment: "Safety is a very complicated issue, and over everything really complex, and is important all the country must be united to find a possible solution, and in the way build new polices or restructure the existing ones". Also he mention his new safety plan about Justice, Safety and Coexistence that his Minsity will implement this government period.

The focus in his safety policy is prevention, and he ask for the participation of all the State Institutions, churches and civic society, but over everything he ask the return to our values because in his own words; "We lost the most important value, that is the Value and respect for Life".

Another important subjects that his ministry will pay attention is; Prosecution of crime and more control in the Detention Centers.

COFOA leaders invite him to the big action they palnning to have in early January 2015 after their listening campaign, and handed to him the final document of the campaign, and he told leaders and compromise to review his agenda as soon he have the ritgh date of the COFOA action.

COFOA leaders will keep working on their listening campaign to reach over 4,000 La Paz Department citizens.