

## ACEH celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

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Holland, MI — In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15), the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony (ACEH) will show the video “Viva la Causa” at its general meeting on Friday. The Rev. Andrés Fierro, pastor of Crossroad Chapel for the past 24 years, will lead the discussion.

The meeting, which is open to the public, starts at 7 p.m. in the second floor training room of Holland City Hall, 270 South River Ave.

“Viva la Causa” is the story of César Chávez and the movement begun by Mexican and Filipino farm workers in California in 1965, when they went on strike against grape growers for better wages and working conditions. Produced by Teaching Tolerance of the Southern Poverty Law Center, the film “tells how the powerless stood up to the powerful and gained their victory, not by violence and weapons, but by their strong will.”

ACEH was a contributor to the film through funds given in memory of the late Gary Pepe, an ACEH president and ardent advocate for social justice, who died in 2005.

Born in Texas, Fierro graduated from West Ottawa schools, Hope College and Western Theological Seminary. He has been active in many community issues and organizations and in 1990 received honorable mention from the State Board of Education as Hispanic Advocate of the Year.

ACEH was founded in 1999 to work for unity, justice, equal opportunity, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for

diversity. For information, check [www.harmonyalliance.org](http://www.harmonyalliance.org) or call president Marvin Younger at (616) 392-5086.

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