



POVERTY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

hosts

Mística, Spirituality and Leadership Development in Brazil's Landless Workers Movement (MST)

with

Ana Justo

What breathes life into Latin America's largest social movement? How do rural farmers learn lessons from history and past struggles? How does the MST begin to live out its' hopeful future? What religious and spiritual traditions are embodied in the MST? What forms do they take when working among poor Brazilians? Ana will share experiences with Poverty Scholars and others about how the role of *mística* and spirituality in the development of grassroots leaders throughout Brazil.

Tuesday, June 29th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Union Theological Seminary (Broadway and 121st)
Room 207

Featured Participants:

Ana Justo is a leader of Brazil's Landless Workers Movement (*Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra - MST*),. The largest social movement in Latin America, the MST has 1.5 million members and organizes into rural settlement agricultural communities across Brazil. The MST struggles for land reform, access to healthcare, schools, organic production and infrastructure by promoting a ground-up sustainable development model based in the needs of all Brazilians. The MST is linked internationally to peasant movements through Via Campesina. Ana is a Project Coordinator at the MST's Florestan Fernandes National School for its leaders located in Guararema, Sao Paulo.

Participants in the Poverty Initiative's **Poverty Scholars Program**—a leadership development and training program for low-income, religious and community leaders from organizations nationwide.

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