



Rev. Angélica Munera Cervera

Colombian Pastor to Speak on Ways to Build Lasting Peace With Children

January 23 at 7 pm

Rev. Angélica Munera Cervera, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Cartagena on the north coast of Colombia, South America, will speak on the current status of the Colombian peace accords and the ministries of her congregation addressing long-term peace on **Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 pm at the offices of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, 1541 S. Smithville Road, Dayton.**

Pastor Angélica will spend Jan. 11-27 in our presbytery, primarily connecting to College Hill Community Presbyterian Church in Dayton, the Cartagena congregation's sister church. Her presentation on January 23 offers the entire presbytery a chance to learn about ProPazes, an initiative that reaches young children in the economically-challenged La Paz barrio near the Cartagena church, teaching techniques to reduce conflict and build sustained peace.

The Cartagena church also fosters the ministry of MAJUP, the youth praise band that toured widely in our presbytery in the summer of 2018. MAJUP seeks to build peace and commitment to and with at-risk youth through lively praise music that the band shares throughout Colombia.

College Hill's connections to the Cartagena Church are one of a growing number of active sister church relationships that are part of the presbytery's Colombia Partnership Network.

Pastor Angélica is a graduate of the Reformed University in Barranquilla, Colombia, has a Masters of Theological Studies degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, and studied at the University of Cartagena with a specialization in university teaching and social conflict. Besides pastoring the Cartagena Church, she recently was elected moderator of the council of the Presbytery of the North Coast in Colombia.

For more information about her visit, the January 23 event, or the Colombia Partnership Network, contact Larry Hollar at 937-643-3168 or larry.hollar@miamipresbytery.org.

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