

Guatemala Partnership

Fall 2018 Trip: October 15 – 21, 2018

Women's Ministry and Leadership

Share • Study • Reflect • Learn • Be Inspired!

POB has a partnership with CEDPCA, a Central American ecumenical organization whose work in Biblical and Theological Education, Women's Ministries, Disaster Ministry and Intercultural Encounters has successfully forged relationships with marginalized people in Central America for 30 years. On this trip, we will join with our partners at CEDEPCA to seek both inspiration and the tools to eradicate violence and injustice against women.

This is a CO-ED trip! MEN AND WOMEN ARE INVITED!

We will focus on:

- Listening to the stories and experiences of women who are working with CEDEPCA, both to better understand how they are transforming their own lives and the culture of sexism and patriarchy and to explore the connections with our own culture in a time of increased awareness of sexual harassment and abuse
- Exploring how our faith can inform this moment, and the role of men and women of faith in both countries, as we seek justice and healing
- Recognizing more fully that we all have something to learn from each other
- Deepening bonds of friendship and mutuality among members of this group and CEDEPCA
- And more. All discussion will be in English and Spanish.

Trip details:

- Trip to Guatemala: October 15-21, 2018
- Cost: \$1500 inclusive of all program costs, airfare, Guatemala transport, food and lodging. Some scholarship assistance may be available.
- Registration Deadline with \$500 deposit due August 17, 2018
- To find out more, contact: Deb Milcarek, 410-433-2012, Dmilcarek@baltimorepresbytery.org

CEDEPCA, our mission host for the trip, began its biblical-theological education for clergy and lay persons in 1987, during Guatemala's Civil War. The war began with a political coup over land reform. It progressed to Mayan genocide, and culminated in the wholesale murder of Christian social reform activists. It was clear to CEDEPCA founders that life-denying theology needed to be confronted with Reformed ideas, made available to anyone who dared to explore a new theology that would prepare them for service in Jesus' name. CEDEPCA has a multi-level education program for men and women geared toward transforming faith, life and understanding. Essential to CEDEPCA's programming is its women's ministry and post-disaster spiritual and psychological care as well as pre-disaster community preparedness. We are proud to partner with CEDEPCA! To learn more about CEDEPCA's work, visit their website, www.CEDEPCA.org.