

Guatemala Partnership

Spring 2017 Workshop in Guatemala

Evangelism and Discipleship to Marginalized Communities

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Let 2017 be a year of healing and hope. Join other leaders in the Presbytery of Baltimore who are working to bring reconciliation to divisions of race/class within our communities. 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. We will join with our partners at CEDEPCA to seek both inspiration and tools for reaching marginalized people in our own contexts.

We will explore:

- Overcoming fears and building trust with marginalized groups
- Gaining confidence in the power of the Gospel to transform people and communities
- Deepening bonds of friendship and mutuality among members of this group and CEDEPCA, who are coming from very different backgrounds
- And more. All discussion will be in English and Spanish.

Baltimore participants will include members of a ministry to Hispanic immigrants as well as leaders of our racial reconciliation movement from the Presbytery. If this theme speaks to you and your own calling for service, please consider participating in this workshop in Guatemala.

- Trip to Guatemala: May 1 - 6, 2017
- 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 February 6, 2017
- 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 geared toward transforming faith, life and understanding. Also 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.