

Two opportunities to meet Coleen Hedglin, the new Co-Director of Beyond Borders

Coleen will be attending the 10:30 a.m. service on All Saints' Day (Nov. 2nd). All are invited to come a little early to meet her, and stick around for a bit after church also. She's in the area to meet supporters in Baltimore and Philadelphia and is very grateful for St. Martin's long support of Beyond Borders work.

She also wants to have a conversation with whoever can come at 1:00 p.m. on Monday Nov. 3. We will just have coffee and maybe cookies in the Houston Room - it will be very informal. Please stop by!

Just to remind you, Beyond Borders is St. Martin's partner organization that works to overcome poverty, prevent violence, and transform lives for families of Haiti. When families graduate from their 18-month Family Graduation program they have moved from indentured servitude (or worse) to building their own home, working at a secure livelihood, and sending their children to school. The truly inspirational part is that they share their new skills and prosperity with their community. Each graduate has become a leader and inspiration for the possibility of new life for all.

Coleen Hedglin will serve alongside Co-Executive Director Smith Maximé. Coleen returns to Beyond Borders after being recruited away in 2021. Coleen first joined Beyond Borders in 1999, when we were still a small, emerging organization. Over 22 years—including 16 spent living and working in Haiti—she made lasting contributions to our mission: shaping impactful programs, helping define our organizational culture, and strengthening our grant fundraising efforts.

Come meet her at church Sunday Nov. 2 at the 10:30 service, and join a small informal conversation on Monday Nov. 3 at 1:00. She is a remarkable person.

-Carol Duncan