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Guatemala is the most populous and the most industrialized country in Central America. It also has one of the highest percentages of indigenous population in all of Latin America. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) works in partnership with the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala (IENPG) and the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA). Presbyterians have been sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ in Guatemala for more than 125 years. Over twenty PC(USA) presbyteries and local churches are in partnership with Guatemalan churches and organizations. Presbyterian World Mission, working alongside Guatemalan partners, engages in ministries that promote evangelism, women's empowerment, leadership development and education (especially among the indigenous peoples), theological education and disaster assistance.



Working together with our partners in Guatemala

Responding to the needs of our Guatemalan partners, Presbyterian World Mission has made our work in this country a priority. All of our mission co-workers in Guatemala share a common commitment to strengthening the witness of God's presence through our partners and making a transformational impact in the lives of the people. Guatemala is a place where Presbyterian World Mission, working alongside Guatemalan partners, is pursuing work in all three of our critical global initiatives. They include:

- Addressing the root causes of poverty, especially as it impacts women and children;
- Sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ; and
- Working for reconciliation amidst cultures of violence, including our own.



Meet your mission co-workers



Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer

Sandi and Brian work with the women's organization of the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala (IENPG) in its efforts to empower women. They are facilitating leadership development and helping to nurture relationships between Guatemalan women and Presbyterian women in the United States. Sandi believes "miracles can happen" when women take leadership roles in families, churches, and communities. "I am a quiet leader, strong networker, and collaborator, bringing people's strengths and abilities together for goodness," she says. Brian adds that he wants his service to encourage "brothers and sisters to grow in their peaceful walk of faith and in their capacity to love one another and themselves." Home presbytery: Inland Northwest; E200334, D507581



Rev. Leslie Vogel

Leslie is a facilitator with the Intercultural Encounters program of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA). She helps CEDEPCA provide people from the US with immersion opportunities that enable them to work alongside Guatemalans and experience everyday life in the country. It's a position that draws on her passion to build relationships with people who are suffering, marginalized, and seeking justice, and offer them presence, accompaniment, and solidarity. Leslie is uniquely placed to help partners in Guatemala and the US explore the opportunities and challenges of working together in God's mission. Home presbytery: Grand Canyon; E200483, D507562



Debbie Welch and Richard Welch

Richard and Debbie serve as educational consultants working with Guatemala's indigenous people. Together with the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala (IENPG) and its presbyteries, they work to increase access to primary, vocational, and theological education. "We, as well as our partner church, believe that education is one path out of crushing poverty that affects so many indigenous people of this beautiful country," Richard and Debbie say. "Through several years of volunteer service in mission partnership, we gained a deep appreciation of the importance church leaders placed on the need for theological education for indigenous pastors. Now, as mission co-workers, we are able to work full time on this endeavor." Home presbytery: Inland Northwest; E200505, D507571



Amanda Craft and Omar Chan

As regional liaison, Amanda builds bridges between Presbyterians in the US and partner churches and organizations in Guatemala and Mexico. She also supports the ministries of other mission co-workers serving in these countries. Omar is the facilitator of Presbyterian Border Region Outreach, which supports the ministries of the six sites along the border of Mexico and the US. "When we have the opportunity to walk together in our spiritual lives, a richness is fostered and nurtured, deepening our understanding of how God manifests in different communities," they write. Home presbytery: Mid-Kentucky; E200512, D507508

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of poverty and violence and proclaim God's saving love in Jesus Christ.

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