



# ***Global Episcopal Mission Network***

**Educational Institute and Annual Meeting**

***May 5 - 10, 2013***

***Bogotá, Colombia***

**Companions in Faith and Resources:**

**Participating in God's Mission**

***GEMN/Province IX Mission Conference***

**Featuring:**

- *Global Mission Workshops, Presentations, and Displays*
- *Opportunities to Network with Others Working in Global Mission Around the World*
- *Keynote Speaker **Humberto Martín Shikiya***
- *Closing Eucharist by **Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts-Schori***
- *Formation Program for Global Mission Agents*
- *Daily Opportunities to Visit Working Mission Sites in the Region*
- *Mission Partners from Central & South America and the Caribbean*



**Con:**

- *Talleres y Presentaciones de Misión Global*
- *Oportunidades de establecer contactos con otros que trabajan en la Misión Global*
- *Orador principal, **Humberto Martín Shikiya***
- *Eucaristía final con el **Obispo Presidente Katherine Jefferts-Schori***
- *Programa de Formación para Agentes de Misión Global*
- *Oportunidades diarias de visitar sitios de misión activa en la región*
- *Colaboradores Misionales de Centro y Sur América y el Caribe*



# ***Companions in Faith & Resources: Participating in God's Mission***

**5-10 May 2013**



## **Friday - May 3**

Arrivals of Participants in Formation Program/ GEMN Board Members

## **Saturday - May 4**

Arrival of general Conference Attendees  
Formation Program for Global Mission Agents  
Conference Registration  
GEMN Board Meeting

## **Sunday - May 5**

9-12 Morning Worship  
1 Lunch  
2:30 Gathering Exercise & Group Reflection  
4:30 Welcoming Presentation/Reception/Dinner (multi-cultural meal)  
Bishop Duque (Pres., Province IX)

## **Monday - May 6**

9 Plenary Session(s) & Discussions  
(coffee break, mid-morning)  
12 Noonday Prayer  
12:30 Lunch  
2 Sessions (Successful Project Examples & Hands-On Workshops)  
7 Dinner  
9 Compline

## **Tuesday - May 7**

9 Site visits (projects around Bogota)  
12 Noonday Prayer  
12:30 Lunch  
2 Group Reflection Session  
3 Sessions (Successful Project Examples & Hands-On Workshops)  
7 Dinner  
9 Compline

## **Wednesday - May 8**

9 Site visits (projects around Bogota)  
12 Noonday Prayer  
12:30 Lunch  
2 Group Reflection Session  
3 Sessions (Successful Project Examples & Hands-On Workshops)  
7 Dinner  
9 Compline

## **Thursday - May 9**

9 Closing Plenary Session  
11 Closing Panel Discussion  
12:30 Lunch  
2 GEMN Annual Meeting  
4 Eucharist  
6 Conference Banquet & Party

## **Friday - May 10**

Departures



# ***Compañeros en Fe & Recursos: La Participación en la Misión de Dios***

**5 al 10 Mayo 2013**

**Bogotá, Colombia**



## **Viernes – 3 de mayo**

Llegada de los participantes en el Programa de Formación y GEMN Board Members

## **Saturday - May 4**

Llegada de los participantes de la Conferencia general  
Programa de Formación para Agentes de Misión Global  
Inscripción en la Conferencia  
GEMN Reunión de la Junta

## **Domingo – 5 de mayo**

9-12 Misa  
1 Almuerzo  
2:30 Encuentro Ejercicio y Grupo de Reflexión  
4:30 Recepción y Cena de Bienvenida (comida multicultural)  
Obispo Duque (Presidente del IX Provincia)

## **Lunes – 6 de mayo**

9 Sesión Plenaria(s) y Debates  
12 Oración del Mediodía  
12:30 Almuerzo  
2 Sesiones (ejemplos exitosos de proyectos y la formación practica)  
7 Cena  
9 Oración Vespertina

## **Martes – 7 de mayo**

9 Visitas a proyectos de alrededor de Bogotá  
12 Oración del Mediodía y Almuerzo  
2 Grupo de reflexión  
2 Sesiones (ejemplos exitosos de proyectos y la formación practica)  
7 Cena  
9 Oración Vespertina

## **Miércoles – 8 de mayo**

9 Visitas a proyectos de alrededor de Bogotá  
12 Oración del Mediodía y Almuerzo  
2 Grupo de reflexión  
3 Sesiones (ejemplos exitosos de proyectos y la formación practica)  
7 Cena  
3 Oración Vespertina

## **Jueves – 9 de mayo**

9 Sesión Plenaria de Clausura  
11 Cierre de Panel de Discusión  
12:30 Almuerzo  
2 GEMN Reunión Anual  
4 Eucaristía con la Obispa Presidente Katherine Jefferts-Schori  
6 Banquete final y fiesta de despedida

## **Viernes – 10 de mayo**

Salidas

# **GEMN Global Episcopal Mission Conference**

**May 5-10, 2013      Bogotá, Colombia**



## **BEFORE MARCH 22 ...**

Double Room Registration ... **\$550 US / COP 982,704**  
Single Room Registration ... **\$600 US / COP 1,072,080**  
Registration w/out room ... **\$375 US / COP 670,050**



## **MARCH 22 – APRIL 19 ...**

Double Room Registration ... **\$600 US / COP 1,072,080**  
Single Room Registration ... **\$675 US / COP 1,350,820**  
Registration w/out room ... **\$400 US / COP 714,720**

## **FORMATION PROGRAM FOR GLOBAL MISSION AGENTS**

- **\$150 US / \$268,000 COP** - Formation Program held Saturday, May 4, 9am - 4 pm. (Fee includes extra night and meals). Participants should plan to arrive in Bogota on Friday, May 3.

## **NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 19**

\*Note: There are limited single rooms available. Priority will be given to bishops.

## **PASSPORTS**

Everyone coming to Colombia will need a valid passport. You should check with local authorities for specific requirements. People traveling from the United States will need a valid passport that remains valid for 6 months after your return (~November 10, 2013).

## **VISAS**

You should always check with local authorities regarding visas. Visa requirements vary by country. For those traveling from the United States you do NOT need a visa. Visas for Colombia are only required for longer stays.

## **AIR TRAVEL (FROM THE US)**

We encourage you to consider using the international travel desk through Wayland Travel, our official conference travel agents. They manage and coordinate a great deal of mission travel, and so are a good resource for your future mission travel needs. While the agency charges a \$30 ticketing fee, they are able to offer a 5% travel discount on Delta (assuming at least 10 people book through them on Delta). You may also find that they can provide better flight times, in many cases, access to better pricing, and access to choice seating. Michelle LaFort's specialty is international travel and she can be reached at 508-653-4600 - main office, or 623-322-2441 – directly or [michelle@waylandtravel.com](mailto:michelle@waylandtravel.com). Be sure to let her know you're attending the mission conference in Bogota.

## **AIR TRAVEL (FROM LATIN COUNTRIES)**

The official airline for the mission conference is Avianca. More information to follow soon.

## **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

There should be someone in the airport to greet you and provide assistance. Look for an individual holding a GEMN sign near the exit from Customs. You will be directed to take a local taxi from the airport to the following address: **Club de Agentes de la Policia, Diagonal 44, #68B-30, cerca al periodico El Tiempo por la Calle 26**. Taxi fare is **NOT** including in your registration. The cost for the taxi from the airport to the conference center will be under US\$10, but you'll need pesos to pay (COP\$15000 to \$20000 for a taxi). You'll need the same to return to the airport at the end of the conference.

### **MEDICATION (Travel Clinics)**

Those traveling from the U.S. are used to visiting travel clinics before heading south. A clinic nurse or doctor is likely to tell you to take a bunch of medications such as a malaria prophylactic, because somewhere in the Amazon section of the country you can contract malaria. Colombia is one of the most ecologically diverse countries in the world, geographically the size of Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington combined. It has Pacific and Caribbean coastlines, the Andes mountains, and tropics of the Amazon. Given its ecological diversity, it probably has some exposure to just about every kind of infection or parasite. Of course, you need to act as your comfort level dictates, but before you load your travel bags with medications, you may want to note that Bogota is NOT tropical, and, in fact, you're unlikely to see an insect while visiting.

It is, however, one of the world's highest capitals at 8,600 ft., located on an Andean plain. Many people experience some form of altitude sickness during their first day or two. Taking some form of aspirin, ibuprofen, or acetaminophen, and staying hydrated (drinking lots of water) should alleviate the symptoms.

As you'll read in guidebooks, Colombia prides itself on clean water. You may occasionally find issues in the countryside, as you would anywhere else, but water in the cities is clean. Drinking a great deal of water, you may want to buy an occasional bottle, but overall, you're unlikely to have any issues with food or water.

### **MONEY**

You will not be able to use U.S. dollars, so you should consider making an exchange for Colombian Pesos before you arrive. You shouldn't have any trouble getting Colombian Pesos (other countries use pesos, so you need to be clear you need "Colombian" Pesos) at a monetary exchange in an international airport terminal. There is also an exchange to your right in the baggage claim area of the airport. The exchange rate is usually in the range of COP\$1,650 - \$1,780 to the dollar (instead of charging a fee, some exchanges give you a lower rate of exchange). Currently, COP\$40,000 is about US\$22.

You will need about US\$25 for taxis to/from the airport. The conference center has a couple of coffee shop type locations where you would need pesos, and might find yourself doing some networking. It is also our hope to have a few vendors available at some point during the conference with local crafts for sale. Allowing \$50 - \$100 for souvenirs/crafts is probably more than sufficient. If you venture into the city before or after the conference, most, but not all, vendors and restaurants tend to accept major credit cards (American Express, MasterCard, and Visa). However, you can usually receive a discount if you pay in cash as you save the vendor charge company fees. Note, though, that small vendors are unlikely to accept charge cards and vendors at the conference are unlikely to have the capacity to accept charge cards.

### **EXPLORING BOGOTA**

You are encouraged to consider coming a few days early or staying a few days beyond the conference to explore Bogota. Local transportation is inexpensive and accessible. Hotels range from the Hilton to local boutiques, and similarly range from several hundred to under \$40 per night and often include breakfast. There is a very reliable and efficient public bus system, and taxis are typically just a few dollars. There are many inexpensive tour guides available (easily Googled) and there is plenty to see in Bogota. Some possible sites include the historic Candelaria neighborhood, the Museum of Gold, Simon Bolivar's home, the Montserrat Shrine, the Botero Museum, lots of historic churches, and many local artisan shops clustered together in artisan malls. For those interested in a day trip outside of Bogota, you could consider Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral. The site is located 180 meters underground and was used for salt exploitation since the times of the Spanish Conquest. The former mines have been transformed into a cathedral considered one of the country's most famous archaeological constructions.