

Who should register

Seminarians, deacons, priests, lay missionaries, experienced missionaries, mission curious, diocesan mission leaders . . . in short, anyone with an interest in global mission.

Program Facilitator

The Rev. Dr. Ted J. Gaiser, who currently serves as a priest and the Director of Mission Development in the Episcopal Diocese of Colombia and President of GEMN, will facilitate the 2014 Mission Immersion Program. Ted's 30 years of mission experience includes eight years of Global Mission Partnership development in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts where he developed dynamic, experiential mission leadership training programs. He has led mission trips throughout Central and South America, the Caribbean, East Africa, and the Middle East. Ted's varied professional background includes health-care management, non-profit management, business development and university education. He holds advanced degrees in theology, business management, and sociology.



Additional Information

Bogota is one of the highest capitals in the world, located on an Andean plain at an elevation of 8,000 ft. Few insects survive at this altitude. As such, participants need no medical vaccinations or medications to stay in Bogota or Facatativa. More detailed information will be available to registrants upon request.

U.S. citizens can travel in Colombia for up to 3 weeks without a tourist visa. **No visa** is required for participating in the Global Mission Immersion Program.

All major airlines travel to/from Bogota and to/from major airline hubs in the U.S.

Language Requirement

There is no language requirement for this program. While it would enhance the experience to have some Spanish, enabling participants to converse with the people they encounter, all group sessions will be in English and translation will be available as needed throughout the program. If you would like to learn Spanish in addition to your mission immersion experience, we will be happy to assist you with arrangements to add one or more weeks of intensive language study. Be sure to contact us for more information.

Global Mission Immersion Program



An in-depth mission
certification experience in
Bogota, Colombia

August 16 - 26, 2014

Cost: \$1,700
(does not include airfare)

This new GEMN program is a 10-day, in depth mission certification experience in collaboration with the Episcopal Diocese of Colombia. It is designed to equip clergy and lay missionaries with:

- 1) a broad range of knowledge about global mission
- 2) leadership strategies
- 3) hands on practical skills experience to ignite the actuality of God's mission in their parishes, dioceses, and the wider church.

Mission Project

We will work on a community farm about an hour outside of Bogota, owned and operated by Iglesia Santa Marta under the leadership of Padre Javier Aldana. Colombia has over 5.2 million displaced persons due to a number of social and political issues. When fully operational, Santa Marta and the Diocese intend to provide employment and food security for displaced families in Facatativa.

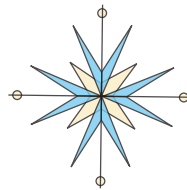
Immersion Content

Participants will be invited to go deep into mission planning, funding, budgeting, socio-cultural education, spiritual preparation, theological reflection and on-the-ground realities.

- Discover the history of church engagement in mission, different historical perspectives and models for mission.
- Explore biblical and theological calls to mission.
- Develop practical strategies and skills for mission leadership, including practical tips for the formation of mission committees and mission teams.
- Participate in a hands-on, relationship building mission project (field experience).
- Encounter the local culture and history of Colombia.
- Discuss the realities and potential challenges of mission in a broken world.

Schedule

16	Arrivals
17	Mission history, theological and biblical foundations
18	Mission Leadership
19	Organizing and Managing a Mission Team
20-22	Field Site / Mission Project
23	Group discussion and Program wrap-up
24-25	Cultural & Historical Experiences in and around Bogota
26	Departures



Program Wrap-Up

We will return to the classroom to discuss and debrief, using group exercises to facilitate the integration of our overall experience. The final two days of the program will include excursions to historic sites in Bogota: the world class Museo de Oro, the Salt Cathedral in Zipaquirá, and local craft markets.

Program Fees

The program cost is \$1,700, which does **not** include airfare or recommended reading materials. Participants will be advised of recommended readings in advance of program attendance and are strongly encouraged to read them as preparation for their trip to Colombia. Other books and materials will be provided in Colombia. Fees cover all expenses including room and board, course materials, local transportation, museum entrance and other related excursion fees.

All participants are required to pay a **non-refundable deposit of \$250 by June 15**. Register and pay online at www.gemn.org/gmip or mail a check made payable to **GEMN to Global Episcopal Mission Network, c/o The Rev. Mooydeen Frees, P.O. Box 30334, Cincinnati, OH 45230**. Payment in full is due **July 15**. Participation is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. For additional information or assistance email gmip@gemn.org

