

# **Guidelines for Sister Church Relationships**

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## **Benefits of PMV Sister Church Relationships with Colombian Presbyterian Congregations**

- Learn how the Colombian churches do mission, experience their commitment to serving the least among them & their willingness to take risks.
- Experience how welcoming and warm the Colombian churches are.
- Participate in an important witness to the global church
- Experience the vitality of the Colombian Presbyterian Church.
- Learn from the involvement of young people at the Colombian Presbytery level.
- Observe the number of young Colombian women in positions of leadership within the Presbyterian Church.
- Broaden the perspectives of our own youth.

## **Expectations of a Sister Church**

- Identify a person or group of people who will be responsible for facilitating the sister church relationship
- Pray for your sister congregation regularly in the public life of your church (worship, mission committee, session, etc.)
- Communicate with your sister church at least quarterly and share updates with your congregation
- Learn about your sister church's current and historical context
- Learn about Colombia, and the current and historical realities that impact mission and ministry for your sister church
- Participate in the PMV Colombia Network

- As your relationship grows and depending on available resources, consider sending a delegation to Colombia or hosting a delegation from your sister church

**Activities current sister churches have found helpful:**

- Connect on social media - Pictures & videos help overcome language barriers.
- Talk “face to face” – Regular video chat between individuals and groups.
- Assist in hosting visitors from the Presbytery of the North Coast.
- When not hosting, attend PMV Network events with Colombian visitors.
- Participate in a presbytery network trip.
- Plan a sister church visit to Colombia.
- Invite and host an individual or delegation from your sister church.
- Join the National Colombia Network email distribution list.
- Attend National Colombia Network meetings or events.