



COLOMBIA PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

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30th Anniversary Celebration - June 18-22

Plans are underway around this summer's 30th Anniversary Celebration between the Presbytery of the Miami Valley and the Presbytery of the North Coast! We will be having 2 celebrations - one in Barranquilla, Colombia and one in Dayton, Ohio.

Tentative Daily Activities in Barranquilla:

- Thursday, June 18, 2026
 - Travel to Barranquilla and a welcome dinner
- Friday, June 19, 2026
 - Vacation / Tourism day in the Colonial City of Cartagena
- Saturday, June 20, 2026
 - Interactive meetings and workshops focusing on where we've been and what we hope for the future
- Sunday, June 21, 2026
 - Church services at your sister church
 - Celebration at the Presbytery to honor the 30th Anniversary
- Monday, June 22, 2026
 - Official end to the Anniversary Celebrations
- Delegations may decide to stay until Thursday to continue the celebrations with their individual sister churches, and will need to coordinate accordingly

Ground transportation and Hotels

The Colombia Partnership Network will be providing busses and vans to and from the airport and the event locations. Delegations that wish to stay for the extra few days will need to work with their sister churches to provide ground transportation for those days.

We're currently working with 2 hotels to secure room blocks as well as better prices:

1. Hotel Washington Plaza - roughly \$50 USD / night, free breakfast with restaurants near by
2. Estelar Hotel - roughly \$70 USD / night, free breakfast with a restaurant on site as well as a pool

*If delegations wish to stay elsewhere they will need to provide their own transportation to and from events.



Rough estimates of cost for the trip

Each member will be expected to pay for their airline ticket, hotels, and some food. Therefore we're estimating costs at \$450 USD + flight costs (for the Presbytery level event days)



Registration Open to join us in Barranquilla June 2026!

PHOTO FROM BATH'S TRIP
THIS PAST SUMMER TO
BARRANQUILLA

Registration closes
March 1st, 2026

While much of your travel itinerary will be organized by either yourself or your individual church, we ask that you register with the Colombia Partnership Network, so that we can organize ground transportation, hotel room blocks, and group meals.

Please fill out the link on the right for every member of your family who is planning to travel this summer!



Bath / Sexta have their first visit!



I went to Baranquilla Colombia with Janet Miller and Megan Worcester. We were going to meet the people from Sexta Iglesia. I didn't have strong expectations when we left, but was very glad I was able to make this trip, by the time it was completed. We were able to spend time with members of the church, including Pastor Vargas, his family, and members of the sessions. They helped us with some tasks we wanted to complete as part of our plans for the trip. By doing this, we spent time together getting to know each other. The church members also took time to show us their church priorities. One priority is the older people of the community, they called them "Pillars of the community". Another priority is the school that is part of the church, and their mission particularly for children and women in a less safe place of the city. We were not allowed to go there but they showed us what they were doing.

I felt that we had time and people were patient in asking questions, answering questions that we had a much better idea of Sexta Iglesia when we left. They made us feel welcome, including us in community activities. They also wanted to collaborate ideas of ways our churches could stay connected. I was sad to go because I got to know the people of the church so well and was inspired by their missions and work. I feel encouraged to keep the collaboration going now that I am back because it is an opportunity to collaborate and be inspired by people across the world from us who also want to worship God and help their communities as best they can.

-Deb Hitchcock-

