



Presbytery of Plains and Peaks Exploratory Mission Trip with Yucatan Peninsula Missions



When: Monday, November 18 – Friday, November 22, 2019

Who: Pastors and Mission Leaders in the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks (max number: 10)

What: Come and see the work that God is doing through Yucatan Peninsula Missions in the Zona Maya region of the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. We'll stay in the mission house in Leona Vicario and meet the directors of YPM Mexico; spend a couple of days working on the continuing construction of the university, Instituto YPM, and learning about the development of the school, including meeting students and staff; tour the surrounding villages that are benefitting from the work of YPM and learning about their needs and the riches of the Mayan culture; connect with Presbyterian churches, pastors, and elders in Mayan villages; worship together and enjoy GOING on a mission trip instead of LEADING it for once!

Where: Leona Vicario is a growing village about 35 minutes SW of Cancun. YPM has built a mission house where teams live and serve. YPM provides safe and delicious meals, sleeping accommodations in hammocks or beds, and all in-country transportation.

More about YPM: YPM is committed to serving the needs of the Mayan/Mexican people in the Zona Maya region of the Yucatan Peninsula. Incorporated as a not-for-profit in both the US and Mexico, YPM provides opportunities for positive change to children, adults, families, and communities in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico -- through service projects, education, health care, cultural exchange and spiritual support. Instituto YPM opened in August 2017 and is the only accredited university in the Zona Maya. The university currently offers three majors: business administration, education, and law.

YPM operates several kinds of trips for groups from the U.S.: Construction, Medical, and Sewing missions, Cultural Exchange, Service Learning, and Family Mission Trips.

Learn more about YPM mission trips by visiting www.ypmusa.org.

Cost: In an effort to encourage and enable pastors and mission leaders to participate in this unique opportunity and strengthen our relationship with this international mission partner, The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks will cover up to \$500 per person. The price of your flight is all you have to pay.

Why YPM? YPM has emerged as a potential mission partner for the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks for several reasons. The Reverend Amy Morgan of First United Presbyterian in Loveland, Colorado, has led mission trips and served on the US Board of Directors for many years. The Reverend Michelle Witherspoon and her family lived and served with YPM for two months during her sabbatical this summer. Several pastors from the Presbytery met YPM's directors in Mexico, Wilian and Erly, and learned about this mission during a visit they made to Colorado last fall. Those connections are important in beginning a mission partnership. We also believe it is beneficial to partner with an organization in a Spanish-speaking country to help us better understand and minister with the large and growing Spanish-speaking residents in our Presbytery, strengthening our mission and ministry here at home.