

Informational meeting for Frontera de Cristo Mission Trip

When: March 1-7, 2020

Where: On both sides of the US and Mexico Border - in Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico

Approximate cost: \$1200** (approximate as flight costs are TBD)

Limit: 14 participants (18 or older)

Deadline to Sign Up: October 6, 2019

Note: The Sign Up form requires that you provide a copy of a valid passport or proof of application for a passport, and a non-refundable \$300 deposit. Forms are available on-line or in the church office.

General Information:

We will partner with Frontera de Cristo (FDC) which translates to “Christ’s Border”, a Presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico and Douglas, Arizona. As one of five binational ministry sites of Presbyterian Border Region Outreach, they’ve built relationships with law enforcement, elected officials, business persons, other faith organizations, academics, and human rights groups to work toward a healthier border for all, and to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

This will be an immersion learning experience with goals to:

- Form relationships between US and Mexican brothers and sisters
- Build understanding of our spiritual, political, and economic connections across borders
- Challenge participants to understand the realities of life on the border
- Provide participants the opportunity to share their talents or gifts and discover new abilities
- Provide participants with enough knowledge of Frontero de Cristo to be able to interpret the mission and ministry of Frontero de Cristo and our partners.

Logistics:

- Cost: The cost of the trip includes flights, registration, translation, local transportation, 3 meals a day and lodging.
- Transportation: We will fly to Tucson International Airport, then travel about 2 hours to Douglas, AZ by van. We will have use of the van for all other travel during the trip.
- Passport: You must have a valid passport.
- Lodging: We will stay in dorm rooms at Lirio de los Valles Presbyterian Church in Agua Prieta. We will have access to a full kitchen, women’s and men’s bathrooms and showers, and air conditioning. Sheets, pillows and towels are provided.

Sample Itinerary:

Sample Weeklong Mission Delegation Schedule

Saturday	Welcome, expectations, hopes and fears Biblical reflections at the border Dinner with members of Frontera de Cristo
Sunday	
8:00 am	Breakfast at church
9:30 am	Biblical reflections
12:00 pm	Worship with Lirio de los Valles congregation Lunch with leadership of church Participate with Lirio de los Valles Dinner at community center
Monday	
8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Biblical reflections
9:30 am	Border Infrastructure Tour
10:00 am	Shopping on a maquila salary
12:00 pm	Lunch with DouglaPrieta Trabaja
3:30 pm	Walk, reflect, pray
6:00 pm	Dinner on maquila salary Watch documentary and have a discussion with local community
Tuesday	
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Biblical reflections on the Sonoran desert
12:00 pm	Lunch in desert (maquila salary)
5:15 pm	Healing Our Borders prayer vigil
6:30 pm	Dinner with vigil leaders
Wednesday	
7:30 am	Breakfast at Café Justo y Mas
8:00 am	Biblical reflections at Café Justo y Mas
9:30 am	Tour of facilities and conversations with Café Justo
11:00 am	Visit Migrant Resource Center
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Border Patrol Station tour
6:00 pm	Dinner at CAME Migrant Shelter
Thursday	
8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Biblical reflections
10:30 am	Tour of a maquiladora
12:00 pm	Lunch with members from church who work in maquiladoras
4:00 pm	Walk, reflect, pray
6:00 pm	Dinner with members of congregation
Friday	
8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Biblical reflections

Pre-Trip Classes (December – February):

The mission team of 14 will meet to prepare for the trip.

For more information on specifics of the mission trip, go to:

<http://fronteradecristo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Mission-Delegation-Manual-052019.pdf>

Questions? Contact Rachel Penmore at rpenmore@nashvillewpc.org.

**Contact Rachel if the cost of the trip is an obstacle to considering this opportunity.