

EXTENSION OF THE COVENANT BETWEEN URABÁ AND WINNEBAGO PRESBYTERIES



Winnebago and Urabá Presbyteries have shared a 10-year covenant, which concludes at the end of 2013. Our relationship has continued through many changes, maintaining communication and praying for each other, even when we could not be together in person.

The past five years have included various opportunities to work together. Winnebago Presbyterians have advocated in Washington, DC for changes to policies related to Colombia and have attended national peacemaking conferences and meetings of the Colombia mission network. A delegation travelled to Medellin in 2010 for an education event with representatives of all three presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church of Colombia. Unfortunately, scheduling conflicts have prevented opportunities for representatives of the IPC to spend time in Winnebago but we have tried to connect whenever possible. Winnebago financially upheld various projects initiated by Urabá including the rebuilding of the church in Saiza, development of a retirement fund, and creating new congregations in Antioquia. In October 2012, Urabá and Winnebago conducted a meaningful joint worship service via Skype. Planning began in 2013 for a joint pastors' retreat to be held in Apartadó in 2014.

The delegation of the Rev. Susan Zencka, the Rev. Kevin Buchanan, the Rev. Susan Phillips, and Commissioned Ruling Elder Lina Wittmann will travel to Apartadó on March 10-15, 2014, to participate in the pastors' retreat with members of Urabá Presbytery.

The Winnebago Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA) wholeheartedly affirmed on February 15, 2014, its desires to covenant with the Urabá Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Colombia for the 5-year period beginning January 1, 2014, and concluding December 31, 2018.

This covenant will uphold the relationship as we seek opportunities to further our covenantal relationship. Specifically, we agree to:

- pray for one another and for our covenant relationship
- communicate with each other on a regular basis
- continue planning mutual education opportunities
- actively seek opportunities when representatives of Urabá Presbytery might visit Winnebago Presbytery

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