

RESPONDING TO AN EXODUS: GOSPEL HOSPITALITY AND EMPIRE

SCHEDULE (WORKING DRAFT: SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Friday, November 8

10:00-3:00 pm Pre-conference workshops

- Preaching In Darkness
- Art as Hope and resistance
- More to Do, How to Do It: Legal Service in the Borderlands and Beyond

Lunch will be provided for workshop attendees

4:00 pm Opening Gathering/Setting the Context

5:30 pm Worship

6:30 pm Dinner celebrating 35-years of Presbyterian Binational Ministry

Saturday, November 9

Pre-Breakfast Self-Guided Prayer-Walk on the Mexico Side of the US Border Wall

8:30 am Breakfast and Prayer Time with Families Seeking Asylum

10:00-12:00 South of the Border Responses

- Empire – border context, government responses
- Testimony of Impacted Person: persons seeking asylum
- Exodus – biblical story
- Faith-Response Panel: best practices of hospitality and justice

12:30 pm Boxed Lunch and Art Option

3:00-5:00 pm North of the Border Responses

- Empire – border context, government responses

- Exodus – biblical story
- Testimony of Impacted Person: person who was detained for 2 years before receiving asylum
- Faith-response panel: best practices of hospitality and justice
- Afternoon Action

5:30 pm Dinner at Café Justo y Mas: Celebrating 17 years of Café Justo

7:00-8:00 pm Evening Panel on Best Practices in Hospitality, Advocacy, Legal Support, and Responding to Root Causes

Sunday, November 10

Breakfast on your own

9:30am Binational Worship Service at the Border Wall “Encountering God, Encountering One Another”

12:00 pm Post Conference Cross Planting: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance and Lament

- Journey through the Desert to beautiful Guadalupe Canyon (one site of the Sanctuary Underground railroad in the 1980s) the place where Blanca Elizabeth Aleman, from El Salvador, died in 2003. Deacon Gabriel Saspe and The School Sisters of Notre Dame will lead us in a liturgy of remembrance and lament as we honor the life of Blanca, grieve her death, and re-commit ourselves to working for an end of deaths in the desert.

Presenters: **Claudio Carvalhaes**, Union Theological Seminary, New York • **Perla del Angel**, human rights and immigration attorney, Agua Prieta • **Jocabed Gallegos**, Mexico Coordinator, Frontera de Cristo • **Ramon Garcia**, Pastor, Voz del Desierto Presbyterian Church, Hermosillo • **Alison Harrington**, Pastor, Southside Presbyterian Church, Tucson • **Saulo Padilla**, Immigration & Education Coordinator, Mennonite Central Committee • **Jenea Sanchez**, local artist and educator in Douglas and Agua Prieta • **Todd Miller**, journalist and writer

COST

Registration Fee, Six Meals, and Lodging:

Hotel La Hacienda (Calle 1 and Avenida 6)

Single Occupancy (private room): 2 nights (Fri–Sat)—\$200 total per person. 3 nights (Thurs–Sat)—\$250.

Double occupancy (shared room): 2 nights (Fri–Sat)—\$150 total per person. 3 nights (Thurs–Sat)—\$175.

Name of person sharing room: _____

Hostel-style accommodation at Lirio de los Valles Presbyterian Church and Centro Comunitario Nueva Esperanza

\$100 entire stay (no charge for accommodation). Bed, linens, and towels provided. Availability is limited. First come-first served!

Registration Fee, Six Meals, No Lodging: \$100

CHILDREN’S TRACK

We welcome your children! We have a special bilingual children's track—art, music, and games together with the children of families seeking asylum. This is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships at an early age. There is no charge for the children’s track, and no additional hotel charge, assuming they stay in your room. The same meals that are provided to you will be available to them at no charge. Please let us know on the registration form their names and ages.

Online registration is located at presbyterianborder.org/events