

COLOMBIA

Feb. 26–March 10, 2018



CULTURES OF VIOLENCE, CULTURES OF PEACE

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Dean Rev. Dr. John Welch and WMI Director Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell will lead a group of PTS students and area mission leaders to visit the Reformed University of Colombia (in Barranquilla, on Colombia's Atlantic coast). RUC students and our group will reflect together on the intersections of poverty, violence and race in both our societies and how the churches have responded to violence in their contexts. How do we understand Scripture's call for Christians to assume the role of peacemakers when our societies seem to be on a

downward spiral toward polarization, conflict and violence? Come learn how Colombian Presbyterians are opening up a new path for peace. The group will travel to Barranquilla and Bogota, Colombia.

EXPECTATIONS

1. Participate fully in every aspect of the trip, including:
 - Orientation Meetings—Dec. 16, 2017 and Jan. 27, 2018
 - Additional group orientation to be determined by trip leader
 - Post trip Debriefing Meeting—March 24, 2018
2. Prepare yourself by prayer, reading provided materials, and learning some basic language phrases
3. Keep a journal before and during your trip.
4. Share your experiences with others when you return.

FINANCES

The cost of this trip is \$2,400 per person. This covers airfare, food, hotels, transportation, admissions, and tips during the trip. World Mission Initiative will provide a scholarship of up to half the trip cost for PTS students. All participants are encouraged to seek additional financial and prayer support from their church, family, and friends. Students may also apply for the WMI Shortridge Scholarship. Additional scholarships are available for PCUSA students, if needed.

APPLICATION

Go to www.pts.edu/wmi to complete an online application. Your \$200 deposit to reserve your place on the trip can be submitted online or by check to the WMI Office. Please bring your completed and signed medical/signature form (available for printing on the website) to the WMI office, 225 McNaugher, or mail it to World Mission Initiative, 616 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15206. **The application deadline is Oct. 16, 2017.** An additional \$500 is due by Dec. 16. The balance of the \$2,400, or a written payment plan, is due by Jan. 31.

ACADEMIC CREDIT

This experiential learning opportunity is offered in conjunction with a PTS course on justice and mission being taught in Term III. PTS students who apply for this trip should also plan to enroll in this course.

QUESTIONS

Contact the Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell (hfarrell@pts.edu or 412-924-1402) or the Rev. Dr. John Welch (jwelch@pts.edu).