



## BALTIMORE PRESBYTERY PARTNERSHIP WITH CEDEPCA IN GUATEMALA

### JOIN OUR FALL 2024 TRIP WITH CEDEPCA'S INTERCULTURAL ENCOUNTERS!

**WHO IS CEDEPCA:** The *Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America* (CEDEPCA) is an educational institution that contributes to the transformation of lives and social environments by providing training, community, and spaces for reflection to women and men from diverse Christian traditions, communities, and contexts. Their mission has four prongs: **Disaster Ministry, Intercultural Encounters, Women's Ministry, and Biblical and Theological Education.** Read all about this incredible organization at: [www.cedepca.us](http://www.cedepca.us).

**BALTIMORE PRESBYTERY PARTNERSHIP:** In 2015, the Presbytery of Baltimore began a 5-year partnership with CEDEPCA that is still ongoing! Many people within the Baltimore Presbytery have gotten to know Cedepca through intercultural encounter trips and virtual programming. Here is what a couple of them say about the ministry and their experiences:

*"Cedepca has been a cherished outreach partner for my family for years because of its transparency & operational structure, its love for God and people, and its courage to continue work under often-dangerous political and social conditions."* - Bonnie, Ashland Pres.

*"My visit to CEDEPCA was a life changing trip. I traveled with compelling people from the Presbytery and I met engaged and committed people to the goals and programs of CEDEPCA. I had the opportunity to meet many local Guatemalans who shared their inspiring stories of resilience and hope. I learned how CEDEPCA supports girls, women, people preparing for disaster, and migrants facing danger. The programming for our trip was organized and thoughtful."* - Lori, Ark and Dove Pres.

### FALL 2024 TRIP

Who: Anyone who attends a Baltimore Presbytery church When: November 2-9, 2024	<b>Cost: 2,200.00*</b> <b>Sign Up Deadline August 16, 2024</b> <i>*Partial scholarships are available. Please reach out for more information.</i>
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The itineraries for Intercultural Encounter trips always have a blend of learning, relationship building, and cultural exploration. For this trip, we will specifically explore the history of Guatemala with Dr. Hector Castaneda and the root causes of migration with Lizbeth Gramajo.