

God is calling us to Paraguay ¡Vamos!

Mennonite World Conference

The Mennonite churches of Paraguay have invited the global community of Anabaptist-related churches to come to Paraguay to worship together and to learn from each other. This is a calling. How will we respond?



Assembly Gathered July 14-19, 2009 Asunción, Paraguay

Daily Schedule

9:30-11:30	<i>Worship, Bible study, music, testimonies, prayers, drama</i>
11:45	<i>Noon meal</i>
Afternoons	<i>Workshops, service projects, Global Church Village (including performances), local tours, recreation</i>
17:30-19:00	<i>Worship, sermon, testimonies, stories, prayers, drama, music</i>
19:15	<i>Evening meal</i>

Children's activities and baby-sitting will be provided during the worship services.

Assembly Scattered Before and after Assembly Gathered

Assembly Scattered provides opportunities to visit Mennonite and Brethren in Christ communities throughout Central/South America (including Paraguay) and the Caribbean before and after Assembly Gathered.

During these visits you will have the chance to worship in congregations, visit in homes and learn about the challenges of following the way of Jesus Christ in various settings. This exchange also brings the Paraguay 2009 experience to hosts unable to go to Asunción.

Some early responses

- Eight choirs from Canada, USA, Zimbabwe and Switzerland have inquired about performing.
- The churches in Bolivia are talking of filling three buses, and probably more!
- A tour operator says their group tours are filling up rapidly.
- Some North American young adults are talking of biking to Asunción!

What can you do?

1. Sign up for Paraguay 2009. Expect to be transformed as you meet with sisters and brothers from around the world. Registration forms are now available.

2. Urge your church to send congregational representatives. Make this an occasion to connect your congregation to the broader Mennonite and Brethren in Christ world.

3. Give to the MWC Travel Fund. Help persons in Africa, Asia and Central/South America and the Caribbean to participate in the assembly. You can send donations to the address below (tax receipts available for both USA and Canada).

*Come together
in the way
of Jesus Christ*



Paraguay
2009

In addition to daily worship

a variety of other activities will be part of Paraguay 2009:

- The second Global Youth Summit on the theme, "Service: Live the difference," will meet July 10-12. A "youth stream" of activities will continue during Assembly Gathered.
- The Global Church Village will feature continental clusters where participants can exhibit "church and community life back home" by presenting artwork, pictures, artifacts, food, tools, music, story and drama.
- Many workshops on many topics.
- Local tours will give participants opportunity to visit cultural and historical sites and Mennonite life and work in the greater Asunción area.
- Service opportunities will give participants a chance to put the theme of the assembly into practice.
- MWC General Council and its commissions will meet before and during Assembly Gathered. General Council meetings are open to observers.
- Other gatherings (mostly by invitation): Latin American Women Theologians; Global Mission Fellowship; Theological Education Consultation; First Nations representatives; Historians; Business and Faith Consultation.
- Recreational activities, including football (soccer).

For registration forms,

contact your pastor, conference office or MWC.

Forms can also be downloaded from www.mwc-cmm.org. See also a brief DVD about Paraguay 2009 on the MWC website.

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