

**Motion:**

Mission requests authorization to raise funds toward a 2015 adult mission trip to Ayaviri, Peru

**Background****Purpose:**

PCUSA has been reaching out over the last few years to build brotherhood with the churches in the interior of Peru, including the church in Ayaviri. Ayaviri is a town of about 23,000 in southern Peru, located in a barren valley at very high altitude. Over 50% of the population in this region fall into the category of extreme poverty.

WPC conducted an adult mission trip to Ayaviri in 2014, which was the beginning of our relationship with the church in Ayaviri and with mission coworkers in the area. This was intended to be the initial visit of a long and faithful relationship with our brothers and sisters in Peru.

We have identified another opportunity to be present and in discipleship in the Ayaviri community. An adult mission trip to Ayaviri, tentatively scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2015, would enable WPC to support the Ayaviri church in their faith and their mission through a community project continuing the development of their church, particularly the kitchen and bathroom.

**Purpose of the funds:**

Funds raised would support the cost of the mission project which is expected to encompass equipping the church kitchen, finishing the floor and tiling the walls (estimated \$2500). Funds would further be used for scholarships for the people participating in the mission trip; and a donation for our missionaries in Peru.

**Fundraising strategy:**

Raising funds through the WPC congregation allows people to actively engage in learning about this partnership; to join in supporting both the trip participants and the church in Ayaviri; and to discern their own interest and ability to participate in the 2015 mission trip.

Fundraising is expected to begin early in 2015. Format is still to be discussed but will be largely through appeal to the congregation. Fundraising will continue until the trip takes place.

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