

Motion:

Mission requests permission to raise funds toward a 2014 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.

The church in Ayaviri, along with mission coworkers, has identified an opportunity to assist in their presence and discipleship in the community. An adult mission trip to Ayaviri, tentatively scheduled for mid-2014, would enable WPC to support the Ayaviri church in their faith and their mission, and assist in their continued teaching of the Word through a community project of building tables and chairs for their Sunday school.

Pastor Helen Deleon will be telling us more about Peru, the church in Ayaviri and this specific opportunity over the next weeks.

Purpose of the funds:

Funds raised would support the cost of the mission project (est. \$1200), scholarships for the mission trip, and possibly a donation to the Ayaviri church.

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 2014 mission trip.

Fundraising is expected to begin on October 6 (World Communion Sunday) with a proposed luncheon hosted by the Mission committee, and opportunities to sponsor a portion of the trip. Fundraising will continue until the trip takes place.