

January 24, 2018

My fellow pastors,

I write to you as a representative of the Outreach Division of the Columbia District Connectional Ministries. We have recently endorsed two international missionaries on behalf of the district churches. Our intent is twofold. First, we wanted to identify persons that we believe are doing the work of the kingdom of God in other places. Places that we cannot reach easily. The intent was to simplify the selection process for our local congregations by pre-selecting a limited number of options. Second, we wanted to make it more possible for our local churches to know a United Methodist related missionary and to develop a relationships with them. Far too many of our mission committees (much less our congregants) cannot name a United Methodist missionary.

To that end I introduce to you the two selected missionaries:

First, Rev. Dr. Luke Moontaeg Rhyee. Luke is a former pastor of the Columbia Korean UMC in the Columbia District. He now is serving with Healing Guatemala and is affiliated with The Mission Society. For a fuller profile of Luke and his work refer to the mission list on the Columbia District Web site. To support Luke and his ministry please do so directly through the Mission Society.

Second, Ms. Sara Flores. Sara is a General Board of Global Ministries Missionary (GBGM) serving in Ecuador. See a fuller profile at the Columbia District Web Site. The District has entered into a Mission Covenant with Sara through GBGM. Our commitment is to provide her with support totaling \$3,000 annually for at least three years. We invite your congregation to take on a share of the responsibility with us. This gives your congregation the opportunity to be a part of a covenant in support of an international missionary. This enables your church to be part of one at the financial level that works for your churches budget. In return we will make sure that you receive ongoing information about the work that Sara is involved in through the Evangelical Methodist Church of Ecuador. To become a part of this covenant relationship please contacts me (gdphillips@umcsc.org) or Rev. Elizabeth Murray (eamurray@umcsc.org).

We hope to be sending a district mission team to work side by side with Sara in the 2019. This is intended to be an open district team for any and all persons interested.

If your congregation already has an established connection with a Missionary please let one or the other of us know that as well. We are beginning to try to put together a list of all the variety of national and international mission work that is being accomplished in the district.

Respectfully,

Rev. Gary D. Phillips,
Salem United Methodist Church

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Instead of ongoing support we are willing to commit a one-time sum of \$ _____ to the support of _____.

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