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## Editorial

The second bimester of 2011 has begun at the UBL and will run from April 11 through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Historically one of our busiest seasons, we cordially welcome all of our local and foreign students who join us from Central and South America and the Caribbean. Please continue to keep them, along with the UBL faculty, in your prayers throughout 2011.

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## Invitation to Israel



UBL Director of the School of Biblical Sciences, Elisabeth Cook, and Edwin Mora, UBL Professor of Theology and Pastoral, recently spent six weeks in Jerusalem as part of an invitation from the Swedish Theological Institute.

Joining participants from India, Bolivia, Cameroon, Nigeria, Mozambique, and Sweden, the group experienced Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the context of Israel and Palestine. Eli Cook noted of the experience, "Land, people and theology led us to explore and share with those of all races and creeds and to come face-to-face with the pain, conflict and uncertainty that plagues this land... We were encouraged by activists, church and social movements, both Palestinian and Israeli, seeking to build a different world, a different society of peaceful coexistence, while denouncing abuses and working in solidarity with those who suffer on all sides". Read the full article in the May issue of FACES.

## Biblical Pastoral Institute of the UBL and The Methodist Church of Chile/Episcopal Church of Costa Rica

The UBL-designed non-degree "Biblical Pastoral Institute" training program, implemented in the Northern District of the Methodist Church of Chile (Second Church) in 2010, has now expanded to include not only lay persons from local congregations, but also inmates in a nearby prison. Reverends Luis Cortes, Ricardo Rojas, and Eduardo Tabilo of the Methodist Church of Chile are facilitators for the local program and are shown below with 26 inmates who recently received their diplomas for studies in "Christian Education".



An additional graduation ceremony took place in San Jose Costa Rica this month, where the Costa Rican Episcopal Church presented diplomas to their graduates from the UBL BPI program. The UBL "Biblical Pastoral Institute" non-degree program continues to be used throughout Latin American in training laity and the community for service.



**UBL Guatemala Satellite  
Location (CEDEPCA)  
Biblical and Theological Studies**

Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, Academic Dean,  
sends the following:



“Greetings from Guatemala. The Biblical and Theological Training Program of CEDEPCA, a branch of the UBL, has 34 students in university classes this semester. In addition, we have four Biblical Pastoral Institute groups underway and more groups in formation. Our students come from Protestant, Pentecostal and Roman Catholic churches. This year CEDEPCA is celebrating our 25th anniversary. We give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve in training leaders and teachers for the churches.”



**Upcoming Teams:**

**May 21-25 2011**

Perkins School of Theology  
Faculty Immersion

**June 25-July 3 2011**

New Life UMC-Midlothian, Virginia

**July 5-14 2011**

Jarrett Work Team UMC-Illinois  
Church-Oregon

**July 22-31 2011**

FUMC Mt. Holly, N. Carolina Work  
Team

**November 5-15 2011**

Kansas West Conference-UMC

**February 4-11 2012**

Paradise Valley United Methodist  
Church-Phoenix, Arizona





  
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**Faculty Workshop**

“Human diversity” was the topic during a recent UBL faculty workshop, linking participants via SKYPE to Dr. Diana de Vallescar in Portugal (author of Extend Bridges, Open Roads), along with local presenters Mag. Cecilia Garcés of the Escuela Ecueménica de Ciencias de la Religión de la UNA and Dr. Mario Mendez, Director of the school at UNA.



Pictured left to right are: Elisabeth Cook, Irene Foulkes, Genilma Boehler, Roy May, and Ruth Mooney.



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**February 12-18 2012**

Gold Canyon United Methodist  
Church, Arizona

**February 20-March 5 2012**

Waltman Team, Oregon

**February 2013**

Rose City Park United Methodist,  
Oregon