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Editorial

With an abundance of activities this month we pray this issue gives you a glimpse into community life at the UBL and the importance of this ecumenical institution in the formation of pastors and laity throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Please note on page 2 how you can be part of this community, most importantly we ask you to pray for our faculty, students, and staff. Blessings all,

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UBL Agreement with Presbyterian Church of Costa Rica

Nidia Fonseca, Vice President of the UBL, recently signed an agreement with the Presbyterian Church of Costa Rica for the non-degreed Bible Training Program which the UBL offers throughout Latin America. The program trains laity to serve in pastoral and leadership positions in all Christian denominations.



The Classroom Space By Rodrigo Riffo UBL student Argentina



We arrive to the UBL from our distinct and far way countries throughout Latin America, bringing our life experiences and together seeking answers to our questions and transformation. It is the classroom space where first we encounter thoughts and ideas that disturb us and shake us...but then move to encourage and challenge us. In turn, it is the classroom space where we journey in biblical and theological reflection with our classmates, and in that meeting bonds are formed and strengthened and we can soon identify with the causes of the person sitting beside us. The classroom space is essential in transferring information from an informed person to inform others, but more importantly it is a wonderful adventure as we share our cultural experiences and realities and together move deeper into the investigations. The classroom space is a space to reflect on our own different communities and how we will implement these ideas in our own countries, taking our dreams and designing a plan of action for a just and fair society. The irony is that in the midst of those long classroom hours of dialogue and study and coexisting, is laughter and humor. Finally, to complete the time in the classroom, we end with the inevitable banquet, where there is always space for sharing our cultures and our culinary arts. The crowning joy and happiness is the completed work, and knowing each other as we share our dreams and challenges for the future.



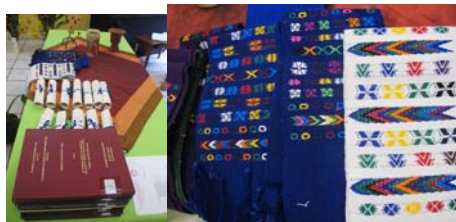
The Koran:

Its origin, formation, and relevance

Dr. Daniel Gloor, UBL professor of New Testament, led an introduction to the Koran, explaining its importance in the life of Muslims and presenting a feminist reading.



Closing Course Ceremonies



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CEDEPCA Guatemala

August 24-27, 2012 UBL President, Violeta Rocha, attended the 25th anniversary of CEDEPCA (Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America) located in Guatemala. The institution has had an academic agreement with the UBL for many years through the UBL Biblical and Theological Training Course.



The theme of the anniversary celebration was "With hope alive, we continue to build the house of God, open to all", with presentations from U.S. and Guatemalan pastors, and Violeta Rocha, who presented the keynote speech. The event was held at the Church of the Nazarene with about 130 individuals in attendance. Cedezca Coordinator, Judith Castaneda, presented awards to many of the churches in Guatemala and the U.S. as well as to staff and the UBL for accompanying CEDEPCA in its mission for justice and peace in Latin America. See photo album at <http://bit.ly/mOgqeZ>

In Mission Together

The UBL has a place for you:

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- Work-Study Programs
- Study Programs

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Upcoming Teams:

November 29-Dec 8 2011

Frankfother Team-Illinois

January 04-14 2012

Lebanon United Methodist Church, Va.

February 04-11 2012

Paradise Valley United Methodist Church-Phoenix,
Arizona

February 12-18 2012

Gold Canyon Az. United Methodist Church

February 20-March 5 2012

Waltman Team, Oregon

March 10-18 2012

McKendree University-Illinois study team

March 23-April 01 2012

FUMC Lewisville Texas

June 23-July 01 2012

First United Methodist Church of Mt.
Holly, N.C.

February 2013

Rose City Park UMC Oregon



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