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NEWSLETTER

Development Office

Editorial



As our academic year closes, the UBL would like to express our gratitude for your continued prayers for our students and staff. We, like many others, have obstacles ahead, but are confident the Lord is with us and will be our guide through it all. Blessings this Holy season of Advent.

Becky Harrell, UBL DAP Office
Missionary (UMC 15141Z) Global Ministries
The United Methodist Church



HIV-AIDS Focus Master's Degree Program

In 2011-2012 a Master's degree in Theology with an emphasis on HIV AIDS will be part of the curriculum for the UBL and 3 other institutions in Latin America.



The UBL recently interviewed and visited with Valburga Schmiedt Streck of Brazil, the Study Director for this new initiative of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay in partnership with the AIDS Pastoral and Regional Coordination Program on HIV / AIDS for Latin America and the Caribbean of the World Lutheran Federation.

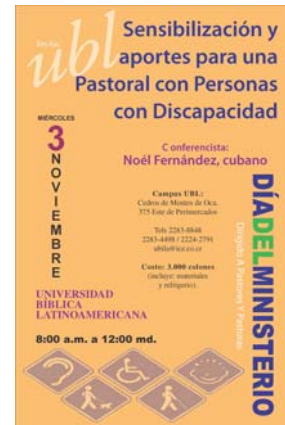
Included in this initiative is: the Church of Sweden, the Faculty of Theology at University of Uppsala, the Service for Diakonia Mission and Sustainable Development of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church and others who will partner in the initiative.

This project, with a focus on HIV AIDS, provides a valuable and unusual opportunity to 4 theological institutions that will participate in the Master's program of Theological study and research. The institutions are: (1) School of Theology, San Leopoldo, Brazil (2) ISEDET Institute, Buenos Aires, Argentina (3) Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia and (4) the UBL (Latin American Biblical University), San Jose, Costa Rica.



A similar project in 2008-09 in Africa has resulted in a strong network of persons and institutions working with HIV populations. The idea of the project in Latin America is to train and educate a total of 32 students of theology (8 at each of the 4 campus sites) in their Master's degree focus so that more individuals (through congregations and institutions) may respond to HIV AIDS, building networks in theology and looking at ecclesiology and HIV. More on this project can be found at www.teologiaysida.org

Individuals with Disabilities Rev. Noel Fernandez of Cuba



Rev. Noel Fernández, a Baptist minister from Cuba, led a workshop for church leaders on Ministry with Persons with Disabilities. Rev. Fernández, who is blind, has successfully pastored churches in Cuba for many years. Now he speaks throughout Latin America on how institutions, including churches and theological institutions can become more sensitive and accessible to persons with disabilities.



UBL Annual Assembly 2010

View photos at:

<http://bit.ly/dUb7Q4> and

View *UBL Present and Past* on YouTube
at <http://bit.ly/gGdK5d>

World Council of Churches Visit to UBL



Rev. Carlos Ham of WCC and Rev. Dra. Ofelia Ortega Suárez, President of WCC Latin America/Caribbean, at the UBL recently

Exchange Students from the Lutheran Church of Sweden to the Lutheran Church of Costa Rica visit UBL recently



UBL Professor Visits Satellite location in Guatemala

UBL Academic Staff spend much of their time in one of our 14 satellite locations. This photo is of Ruth Mooney, Christian Education Professor at UBL, on her visit to our location in Guatemala.



UM-VIM Website : Construction Teams Needed at UBL New Student Family Housing Begins 2011



Work/Study Teams in 2011#

January 6-15 2011

Lebanon UMC Virginia (Dorms)

January 14-28 2011

Fernando C. (dorms and meals)

Feb 10-18 2011

*Rose City Park UMC- Oregon
VIM Work Team*

Feb 19-26 2011

*Louisiana Conference UMC Work Team
Mike Owensby-Team Leader*

March 03-16 2011

*Oregon Work Team UMC
Waltman/Pritchard Leaders*

March 12-19 2011

*First United Methodist Corpus Christi
Texas Work Team*

March 19-26 2011

*Marshall University
Study Group*

May 21-25 2011

*Perkins School of Theology
Faculty Immersion*

June 25-July 3 2011

New Hope UMC-Virginia Work Team

July 5-14 2011

Jarrett Youth Work Team UMC-Illinois

July 14-22 2011

*First Baptist Church Everett,
Washington Youth Work Team*

July 22-31 2011

FUMC Mt. Holly, No. Carolina Work Team

**If you are interested in joining a team
or bringing an additional team,**

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August-December 2011

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Architectural Plans For New Student- Family Housing



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