

GAP Gathering 2010, September 9-12

Dear sponsoring communities, accompaniers, and all supporters of GAP:

You're invited to join us this autumn at the beautiful World Fellowship Center in New Hampshire's White Mountains for the 2010 Guatemala Accompaniment Project Gathering. Join NISGUA staff, former accompaniers, and sponsoring community members from around the country to receive detailed updates from NISGUA's work in support the human rights movement in Guatemala, connect with friends old and new, and help plan the direction of future accompaniment work. (Look for a more detailed description of our exciting agenda in your inbox soon!) Participants will arrive on September 9 and depart on the 12th, and Gathering activities will be scheduled for September 10 through the morning of the 12th.

Costs and Scholarship Opportunities

Please see a list of accommodation options ranging from camping to single and double rooms on WFC's website:

<http://www.worldfellowship.org/rates.shtml>. Andy Davis and Andrea Walsh at the World Fellowship Center are supporting NISGUA and GAP by offering us reduced rates, up to half of their already-reasonable prices, which range from about \$50-100 per night, meals with vegetarian and vegan option included. Folks with special dietary requests please note this in your RSVP response, and we will coordinate with you to meet your needs.

Reservations and payment for accommodations can be made on the World Fellowship Center website:

<http://www.worldfellowship.org/reservations.shtml>. Those participating in the full Gathering agenda will be staying three nights. Please make a deposit of at least 30% of the total accommodations cost with your reservation; remaining payment can be made upon arrival. However, please consider paying the full price now if you have the means, as any extra paid over half-price will be used to subsidize other Gathering participants' costs. For the convenience of WFC staff, please note that you are with NISGUA/GAP in the "organization/care of" line on the reservation form or on the memo line of your check.

If you would like to attend the Gathering but cannot do so without some financial assistance, please contact GAP Council member Kim Kohler (kohler88@gmail.com, 401-378-8114) before July 12 to apply for a scholarship. After July 12 any unused scholarship funds will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis. Please contact Kim if you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund to subsidize attendees' transportation costs. Donations can be sent to NISGUA at 436 14th Street, Suite 409, Oakland, CA 94612, with checks made out to "NISGUA" and "GAP Gathering" in the memo line.

Transportation

The closest airport to the World Fellowship Center is the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT) in New Hampshire. Local volunteers will help coordinate transportation from the airport to the WFC. To arrange transportation plans, or if you live in the Northeast and can help with transportation, please contact the GAP Council member Chris Hansen (marcuschristian@hotmail.com, cell 603-209-3368, home 603-835-6190).

RSVP and Registration

Please confirm whether you will attend the Gathering by filling out this on-line form:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFRwWGZQTl9DV3VaQzJTZFdweGFtTnc6MQ>

Looking forward to seeing you at this year's Gathering!

If you have any questions about the GAP Gathering or this invitation, please feel free to contact Phil Neff (206 331-0561, phil.neff@gmail.com) or any other GAP Council member.

Sincerely,

Beth Lavelly, Matt Lowen, Kim Kohler, Christopher Hansen, Phil Neff, Brad Lawton, Bridget Brehen
(GAP Council)