

November 7, 2018



Dear friends and family,

This past week a group of 65 church leaders and pastors shared and learned together about pastoral care in a workshop called “Cuidando el Cuidador” or “caring for the caretaker”.

Paul Stucky from the Colombian Mennonite Church and CEAS (a program of JustaPaz in Colombia) led us in several sessions, especially what the Bible says about pastoral care. One of the main points that was discussed was how Jesus always surrounded himself with friends and a support group, for example in Mathew 17.

It was also fantastic that the people who participated in the retreat were from the three different Mennonite conferences in Ecuador: ICAME, the church that we attend, participated; ICME (Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Ecuador) the church that is made up of Kichwa and Spanish speaking churches had many participants from their different congregations; and IEME (Iglesia Evangélica



Menonita del Ecuador) the oldest established Mennonite churches on the coast helped organize the event as well. This was the first time that the three church groups had met together and it was a great time to learn and share their Anabaptist identity.

The leaders of the three conferences also decided to continue having events together to support the different churches and pastors.

We would like to thank the individuals and churches in North America who donate to Mennonite Mission Network, and to Mennonite Central Committee because these contributions made this retreat possible. We would appreciate continued prayers for the conferences as they work together here in Ecuador.



We would also ask for prayers for our family as we discern next steps for our future.

Thankfully,

Peter, Delicia, Aliyah and Ariana