

## What you can do

<http://mcc.org/colombia/articles/whatyoucando.html>

- **Learn** by viewing this video with your congregation  
<http://mcc.org/colombia/articles/videos.html>
- **Share** information about what is happening in Colombia.
- **Pray** for (as requested by MCC Colombia)
  - the spirit of wise discernment in deciphering the right steps to take in response;
  - light and truth to shine forth amidst confusion and anger;
  - the perpetrators of these threats, that they may repent and turn from violent ways;
  - strength and solidarity for these friends from the broad church community; the safety and well-being of those under threat, as well as that of their families
  - prayers to use in your congregation <http://mcc.org/colombia/articles/whatyoucando.html>
- **Witness** by speaking to your United States legislators. <http://mcc.org/us/washington/issues/latinamerica/colombiaguide2007.pdf>

If your congregation wants to send an email to the Colombia Mennonite Church, please send to **Stephen Abernathy**, [esteban.mcc@gmail.com](mailto:esteban.mcc@gmail.com).

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# Support the Mennonite Church in Colombia

The Mennonite Church in Colombia stands firm as Christians who are telling the truth and living nonviolently in a country devastated by a 40-year internal war which claims an average of 3,000 lives a year. Earlier this week, Rebecca Bartel of MCC Colombia wrote asking for your prayers. This message provides resources for your congregation's response.

## Background

In the summer of 2001, in Nashville, at the request of the Colombian Mennonite Church, former Mennonite Church and former General Conference Mennonite Church delegates passed a resolution (<http://peace.mennolink.org/articles/rescolombia.html>) asking our government to halt military aid to Colombia and to provide more social and humanitarian aid instead. Since then, Mennonite Church USA has frequently supported the relief and peace work of the Colombian Mennonite Church (<http://peace.mennolink.org/colombia.html>). At San Jose 2007, delegates signed letters to be sent to legislators and to the church in Colombia. At its September 2008 Executive Board meeting in Philadelphia, the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board took this action:

## Action

**The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board hears with concern the allegations concerning Hector Mondragon of the Colombian Mennonite Church. We recognize the Colombian church as one that preaches and practices nonviolence and compassion for all people. We pledge our support and prayers and we ask for the prayers of our members and congregations, for the Colombian Mennonite Church and for Hector and his family's safety, strength, perseverance and peace.**