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Guidebook for Mission Volunteer



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United Methodist Mission Volunteers

Dear Mission Volunteer,

Welcome to Mexico!! Greetings from *Archivo e Historia CANCEEN Rev. Edgar Avitia Legarda*. We are so grateful that you have decided to donate your time and finances to become a part of our mission and project.

Archivo e Historia CANCEEN Rev. Edgar Avitia Legarda became an official entity of the Methodist Church of Mexico A.R. (IMMAR) during the Annual Conference that took place June 20-21, 2024. There was a unanimous vote in favor on behalf of all clergy and delegates when the time came to vote in favor or against the opening of this archive. We know that this archive will become a blessing and a go-to place for all seminarians, clergy, and laypersons not only of this conference, but of all of Mexico and beyond.

Please know that we appreciate and love you with Christian love.
Blessings in the name of our Lord and Brother Jesus Christ,

The Commission of AH CANCEEN

Obispo Rodolfo Rivera de la Rosa, Bishop of *IMMAR*
Pbro. Luis Alberto Reza Franco, President
Lic. Nidia Vázquez Vázquez, Secretary
Ing. Simón Chairez Gamboa, Treasurer
Lic. Giuseppina Lauretano de Avitia, Liaison and Collaborator
Lic. Samuel Hernández Bencomo, Collaborator



Archivo e Historia CANCEEN Rev. Edgar Avitia Legarda
Valentin Gomez Farias #9
Zona Centro, 31000
Chihuahua, Chih.

MISSION

Conserve, organize, and disseminate documents and historical heritage of CANCEM, promoting access to information and knowledge of the work of God in the past by promoting research to strengthen the identity of IMMAR.

VISION

To be a reference in the preservation and dissemination of IMMAR's history by facilitating access to documents and resources that will inspire future generations to learn from their heritage and contribute to the spiritual and cultural development of our church.

OBJECTIVES

- I. **Make Disciples of Jesus Christ**
Facilitate and support the enrichment of the historical archive and thus strengthen the development of faith communities that seek to learn from the past to rejuvenate the future of the Methodist Church.
- II. **Strengthen seminarians, pastors, and lay persons**
Support the research and learning of church leaders and laypersons through knowledge of the history of Mexican Methodism.
- III. **Strengthen and support new archive chapters at other IMMAR Annual Conferences**
Encouraging the support and start of new chapters at annual conferences that do not yet have an archive through the promotion of our own AH CANCEM.

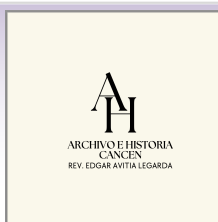
DIRECTION

The direction of *Archivo e Historia CANCEM Rev. Edgar Avitia Legarda*, is that it be established in a place conducive to the safekeeping of historical documents, those received both for safekeeping as well as those that have been definitively donated.

Thanks to the collaboration between the CANCEM Conference Cabinet and the Palmore College, we have been offered an appropriate location for the conference archive to be established. This location will definitely be the place where the CANCEM historical collection will be officially stored and can be found at the following address:

Calle Valentín Gómez Farias #9, Zona Centro, 31000, Chihuahua, Chih.

QUICK REFERENCE



REFERENCES:

- 1. Archivo e Historia CANCEN Rev. Edgar Avitia Legarda**
Valentin Gomez Farias #9
Zona Centro, 31000
Chihuahua, Chih., Mexico

This is the name and address of the project location and where the Mission Volunteer will be working.
- 2. Pbro. Luis Alberto Reza Franco**
Title: President of AH
Cell: +52.627.142.0592
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The president is available for questions regarding the history of the beginnings of the archive.
- 3. Lic. Nidia Vázquez Vázquez**
Title: Secretary of AH
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The secretary is available to answer any questions regarding meals or personal needs.
- 4. Ing. Simón Chairez Gamboa**
Title: Treasurer of AH
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The treasurer will be available to answer any questions regarding any needed purchases and/or replenishing any supplies.
- 5. Lic. Giuseppina Lauretano de Avitia**
Title: Liaison and Collaborator of AH
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The Liaison will be available for translation purposes, planning outings, and trips to El Paso, TX, if needed.
- 6. Lic Samuel Hernández Bencomo**
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The collaborator is available to answer any questions that might arise regarding your housing.
- 7. Lic. Alejandro Agüero**
Title: Director of Palmore College
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The Director of Palmore will be available to answer any questions having to do with the college itself.

Hotel: Hotel Coronado
Owner: Rossina Elisa Uránga Barri
Address: C. José Esteban Coronado 420
Zona Centro, 31000; Chihuahua, Chih. México
Phone: +52.614.595.0266

Emergency
Phone: 911

FACEBOOK: [Archivo e Historia CANCEN](#) **WEBSITE:** www.ArchivoCancen.com

The exact location where the Mission Volunteer will be housed will be determined once dates are actually determined.

The hotel noted is for backup situations, if needed.
In the event of an immediate emergency, please speak to someone on this list or dial 911.

Q&A Pre-Trip Prep



What can I expect when I arrive at the airport, if I fly there?

Unless otherwise notified, you will be met by *Archivo e Historia CANCUN* commission members holding up a sign with our logo at the airport exit after you have cleared customs and immigration.

What should I take with me on this trip?

Bring comfortable clothes for workdays; comfortable clothes and walking shoes for days you want to tour the city; and something conservative to wear to church on Sundays.



Where will I live?

A small apartment or house located close to the archive.



Should I drink tap water?

It is not recommended that you drink tap water even if the local people do. Bottled water is easily available to be purchased close to the worksite, and anywhere in town.

Do I need to exchange money - dollars for pesos?

Yes. You can do so at the airport before you leave the US for Mexico, or you can exchange dollars for pesos in exchange locations as soon as you drive into Mexico if you will be driving there. Most vendors in Chihuahua accept credits cards such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. You are also able to withdraw funds from ATMs found in local banks.



What should I expect the work to be like?

A schedule can certainly be negotiated. Arrival and departure workdays and times can be set to your liking. There is a kitchen at the archive where you can have your lunch or walk to a restaurant close by, if you prefer. Everything you need to accomplish the organization of the archive will be at the worksite and supplies will be replenished as needed.



Do I need vaccines?

Depending on your personal medical history and past travel, vaccinations will vary. Team members are advised to consult with their personal physicians to determine if any vaccines are recommended.

The CDC also has lists of recommended vaccines and medications by country on the following website:

www.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list.aspx





Gobierno de
México

Q&A TRAVEL

Do I need a Visa to go to Mexico?

Yes, you will be required to obtain a tourist visa to travel into Mexico. If driving, a visa can be obtained at the Mexican customs desk as soon as you drive over any of the international bridges into Mexico.

If you will be flying from the interior of the United States, you can apply online by visiting:

<https://citas.sre.gob.mx/>

Alternatively, you can go to a Mexican consulate or embassy and schedule an appointment by calling: [424-309-0009](tel:424-309-0009).

What do I need to obtain a Visa?

You are required to have a valid passport and a completed Multiple Digital Migration Form (FMMd). You will also be asked for your destination address so have the archive address at hand:

[Calle Valentín Gómez Farias #9, Zona Centro, 31000, Chihuahua, Chih.](#)

How much will the Visa cost?

Mexico will allow you to get a visa at **no cost** if you are staying 7 days or less. Otherwise, you will be required to pay for your visa if staying for more than 7 days and up to a maximum of 180 days (6 months). The cost is approximately **\$50 US Dollars** depending on the exchange rate at the time.

What should I not take on this trip?

Do not bring:

- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, guns or ammunition.
- Expensive jewelry, clothing, or anything you can't replace if lost or stolen.
- Excessive amounts of cash. Remember, you have the option of using an ATM to withdraw cash or Visa, Mastercard, or American Express credit cards. (*Not everyone accepts AmExp*).

What should I expect from this experience?

- Expect to make new friends and for this whole experience to be satisfying. In spite of the hard work, it will be a blessing for both you and for those you will be serving. You will literally be showing God's love through the hard work you will do for this project.



MEXICAN CULTURE INFORMATION

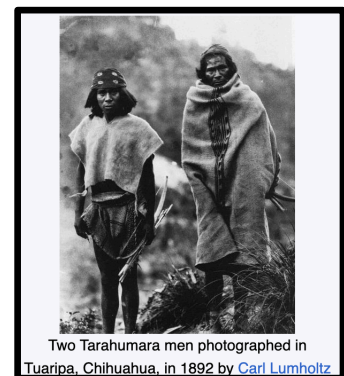
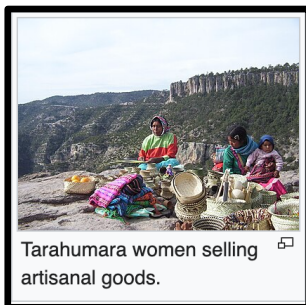
- Capital and largest city is Mexico City.
- Official language is Spanish.
- Religion is 88.9% Christianity (77.7% Catholicism and 11.2 Protestantism).
- Currency is the Mexican Peso.
- Mexico is a Federal republic with a presidential system of government.
- Mexico is a newly industrialized and developing country.
- Independence day (from the Spanish empire) is the 16th of September (1810).



- Chihuahua is located at the northern part of Mexico about 4 hours south of El Paso, Texas.
- Chihuahua is 1 of 31 states in Mexico.
- Chihuahua is the largest state in Mexico by area having 95,543 square miles of land.



- The Tarahumara are the largest ethnic group of indigenous people in the state of Chihuahua
- They come from the Sierra Madre Occidental.
- They speak Tarahumara and Spanish.
- They sell artisanal goods that they themselves make.



PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

MONETARY GIFTS

The best gift you can give people you meet while on this mission trip will be sharing love and kindness, or even stories about how God has blessed you. We ask that you abstain from giving monetary gifts and in this way avoid creating unrealistic expectations of North American volunteers, or the creation of unintentional jealousy between persons that received and those that do not.

You are welcome to give a monetary gift to this project if you feel compelled to, but please only do so through the Advance. Your gift will be greatly appreciated and put to good use for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

The website for this can be found by clicking on the QR code below.



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Through the General Board of Global Ministries

CODE OF CONDUCT

Archivo e Historia CANCEN Rev. Edgar Avitia Legarda has a policy book which is in Spanish; however, the Child Protection and Code of Conduct section has been translated for your benefit. Please read through it and sign one of the two Acceptance documents, one for our files and the other for your records.

