

Migration in Mexico: Roots, Realities, and Resistance

A Joint Witness for Peace/AFSC New Hampshire Delegation

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The southern Mexican state of Oaxaca is home to 16 different ethnic groups, making it one of the most diverse and culturally rich states in Mexico. But due to extreme inequality and misguided development policies, a large number of Oaxaqueños and Oaxaqueñas have migrated to other parts of Mexico and the US looking for economic survival. The effects on the families left behind, on migrants themselves, and on community life in Mexico and the U.S. raise many questions that we will address while in Oaxaca. The knowledgeable Witness for Peace Mexico Team has extensive connections to people, organizations, and communities who will tell us the real story of migration in Mexico.

What to Expect:

- ☆ Learn about the root causes of migration, including US foreign policy in Latin America
- ☆ Hear stories of Central Americans migrating through Oaxaca on their journey northward
- ☆ Learn about the connections between migration and the drug trade
- ☆ See rural and urban projects that provide alternatives to migration
- ☆ Learn about the history and resistance of indigenous communities in Oaxaca
- ☆ Stay in the homes of families directly impacted by migration
- ☆ Connect delegation experience to the realities of trade and immigration in the US
- ☆ Develop strategies to act in solidarity with the Mexican people and immigrants in the US



Details:



\$910 + airfare (includes the cost of food, lodging, in-country transportation, guides, and language interpretation. Scholarships and fundraising opportunities are available.) For more information or to apply contact: Arnie Alpert, aalpert@afsc.org, (603) 224-2407

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