

FELM VOLUNTEER POSITION

Title / Duration / Visa

IELCO Felm Volunteer 2021

Theology and Reconciliation

3 - 6 months

FELM tutor: Riikka Leskinen, Regional Manager for Church Cooperation **Partner tutor:** to be appointed

Partner / Location

Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de Colombia (IELCO)

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de Colombia, IELCO) is a small Lutheran church with about 1500 members spread in different departments of the country.

IELCO and Felm are partners since 30 years and implement both church and development projects. The volunteer will be located in Bogotá but will be travelling periodically to the four regions of IELCO: Llanos, Oriente, Boyacá, Centro.

Objective and duties of Felm Volunteer

 assist the church in strengthening their theological approach in all church work to respond to the needs in the process of peace and reconciliation in the country

Short description of the tasks

- facilitate workshops and dialogues to support IELCO and the local congregations in the processes of the consolidation of peace and human rights from theological and communitarian perspective
- support the diaconia team to develop capacity to articulate their work in the process of peace and reconciliation
- interact and cooperate with the diaconia, national ministries, the Lutheran Theological School of IELCO (ELT) and the Bishop's office in themes of peace and reconciliation to construct the national plan for IELCO
- give short courses in theology and reconciliation for the students of ELT and church leaders in the regions



Competence / Qualifications / Language requirements:

- meet the requirements of the Felm Volunteer program
- studies in theology and preferably in peace and conflict resolution
- preferably experience in working in developing countries
- minimum language requirement: good knowledge of Spanish

Benefits and commitments:

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- Providing the tasks, materials and instructions for the Volunteer before volunteer period
- Felm will cover in-country expenses related to the volunteer task, such as work-related travel, sim-card and computer if necessary at work, etc.
- Advising the applicant with visa-procedures and providing Volunteer with visa invitation letter, and cover the costs if Volunteer needs
 extension of visa
- Providing a personal tutor and a draft program for the Volunteer period (incl. tutor discussions, starters session, mid-term discussion and evaluation session)
- Accommodation (furnished apartment or bedroom with shared kitchen and toilet)
- Introducing the Volunteer to Felm's partners work in the project areas

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- Recruiting a suitable Felm Volunteer
- Providing the tasks, materials and instructions for the Volunteer
- Orientation session
- Feedback session

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- Travel insurance
- Criminal records extract for volunteering if tasks include working with children
- Small reimbursement of expenses

Felm Volunteer

- Following the FELM Volunteer agreement and its guidelines
- Following the Code of Conduct and Safety Instructions of LWF and tutor's instructions in destination
- Purchasing his/her own travel tickets from Finland to the country of placement and visa
- Obtaining a health certificate before departure
- Taking care of all personal expenses and arrangements other than mentioned above (Volunteers are responsible for their own international airfare, first visa, baggage insurance, not work related travel, food, laundry and other personal expenses)
- Commitment to provide feedback
- Commitment to take part in parish visits after returning to Finland (organizing by Felm)

Lähde liikkeelle or Min Mission –course is a prerequisite for applying to Felm Volunteer tasks.

Full-time students attending the Felm Volunteer program are eligible for trainee status.