

**NICARAGUA NETWORK REGIONAL MEETING  
Friday - Sunday, October 16-18, 2009**

**Meeting location: 16 West 25th Street (just west of Charles Street)  
Baltimore, MD 21218**

**General conference questions: Chuck, 202-544-9355  
Logistics questions about Baltimore: Barbara, 410-662-6292  
Local host: Casa Baltimore/Limay**

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Friday evening, Oct. 16**

- 6:00 – 7:30 Informal reception and introduction to hosts, for those doing home stays
- 7:30 Informal tour of selected Baltimore sights, with local guides, for those who would like this
- 7:30 – 9:00 Welcome, socializing for late arrivals

**Saturday, Oct. 17**

- 8:30 – 9:15 Registration, continental breakfast
- 9:15 – 9:30 Brief introductions of participants
- 9:30 – 10:15 Keynote address
  - Speaker: Magda Enriquez, Nicaraguan Ambassador / Senior Adviser to the President of the 63<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the United Nations
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 Plenary session: Overview of current Nicaragua and solidarity issues
  - Speakers: Chuck Kaufman, National Co-Coordinator, Nicaragua Network; Juan Ramon Mendoza, mayor of San Juan de Limay; Edwin M. Corea, attorney, INIFOM-PRODEP Property Legalization Program, San Juan de Limay
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch provided on-site
- 1:00 – 2:45 Smaller-group sharing on a specific challenge (see registration form)
- 2:45 – 3:15 Break, tables/ posters
- 3:15 – 4:30 Workshops (see topics below)
- 4:30 – 5:15 Plenary session: Choosing life over debt in the Two-Thirds World
  - Speaker: Melinda St. Louis, Deputy Director, JubileeUSA, to launch her organization's Stand Up – Take Action campaign
- 5:15 – 7:45 Dinner on your own
- 7:45 Concert by Philip Montalban; Mattin Center, Ross Jones Building Room 101, Johns Hopkins University, North Charles St. at 33<sup>rd</sup>, (map: <http://www.jhu.edu/tour/map.html>)

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**Sunday, Oct. 18**

8:30 – 9:30 Continental breakfast, networking, tables/ posters

9:30 – 10:15 Sunday keynote: Walter Castillo Sandino, grandson of Augusto Cesar Sandino

10:15 – 11:15 Plenary session: Immigration, emigration – issues of poverty, prejudice and policy

Speakers: a representative of CASA de Maryland; Angelica Gonzalez, principal, Instituto Ruben Dario, San Juan de Limay

11:15 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:30 Plenary session: Open discussion about taxing solidarity aid and other issues

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch provided on-site

1:30 – 3:00 Plenary discussion: Are there actions we can take together, or activities on which we can collaborate, which will bring more benefit to Nicaragua and/or our own local work?

3:00 Adjournment

**TENTATIVE WORKSHOP TOPICS**

Conducting water, sanitation and forestation projects in Nicaragua

Workshop leader: Hugo Lam, Baltimore Recreation and Parks; former regional director of Nicaraguan Ministry of the Environment, worked to enforce environmental law to protect the Bosawas Biosphere Reserve in Nicaragua

Cutting-edge media techniques to build solidarity and to convey the reality of Nicaragua to the US public

Workshop leaders: Maria Gabriela Aldana (confirmed) and Aleks Martray (invited), Maryland Institute College of Art

How to deal with pushback from the right, in the US and Latin America: Honduras as one case study, with implications for Nicaragua and the Americas

Workshop leaders: Tom Loudon (confirmed) and Jenny Atlee (invited), Quixote Center Quest for Peace