

Come before Winter

Registration for Costa Rica, March 9-13, 2015:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

First Name:

Last Name:

Name as you would like it to appear on your name tag:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Mailing Address (line 2):

City:

State or Province:

Zip:

Country:

Permanent address, if different from above:

Phone Number 1:

Phone Number 2:

Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):

Spouse's name:

Children's names and ages:

City in which you serve:

State or province in which you serve:

Country in which you serve:

Complete name of sponsoring congregation(s):

Please give us a website, mailing address, or telephone number.

Full name of the congregation with which you now worship; please include the name of the city where the church is located.

We want to put a face with your name as soon as possible. If your picture is posted on a website, please give us the web address to view these pictures. If your pictures are on Facebook, please give us the URL of your Facebook page. Otherwise, if you have a digital copy of a photo that can be emailed, please send one (1) to: registrar@comebeforewinter.org.

INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR YOUR ARRIVAL:

Please list any health problems, including any recommendations for assisting you with these problems:

Accurate medical information, including chronic or acute illnesses and all medications **MUST BE DISCLOSED**. Information will be kept confidential. This is extremely important. Failing to disclose such information will be considered a breach of confidence.

Please list all medications you take regularly:

Accurate medical information, including chronic or acute illnesses and all medications **MUST BE DISCLOSED**. Information will be kept confidential. This is extremely important. Failing to disclose such information will be considered a breach of confidence.

Please list any dietary restrictions:

While we will be sending this information to the hotel and following up with the staff when we arrive on site, please understand that, even under the best circumstances, Come before Winter cannot guarantee that allergens have not been introduced into the food, even inadvertently, during preparation. Ultimately, our participants must use individual discretion and make an informed food choices. **If your allergy can be life-threatening, we recommend keeping an EpiPen nearby at all times and informing us of its location during registration.**

Emergency Contact Person:

Phone number for emergency contact person:

Participation in previous CbW renewals:

If you answered YES to the above question, indicate which renewal(s) and tell us how these experiences have impacted your ministry, especially in relation to those who do not know the Lord (only required if you answered "Yes" to the above question).

Roommate preference:

If you have a preference, please list her/their name(s) below: (only required if you answered "Yes" to the above question; if you do not have a roommate preference, we will be happy to match you up.)

Come before Winter may accept nursing mothers who want to bring their infants (up to the age of 12 months). I would like to bring my nursing infant to the renewal:

yes

no

If you hope to bring a nursing infant to the renewal, please provide the baby's name and age at the time of the event:

My group plans to arrive at Hotel Bougainvillea (nearest airport is San Jose, Costa Rica) on (enter date):

...at about (time):

...by (mode of transportation):

If you are arriving before March 9, 2015, please let us know where you will be staying and how we might get in touch with you.

QUESTIONS TO HELP US KNOW YOU AND PREPARE TO SERVE YOU:

Please review our participant profile:

A Come before Winter renewal is for any English-speaking (fluent enough to grasp the lessons with minimal help) female missionary, missionary's wife, minister's wife, church leader's wife, or any woman who day-in-day-out accepts the responsibility of mentoring others in the church.

What particular phrase from the above profile statement best identifies you as a candidate for participation in the renewal? Explain. (If you are unsure about the answer to this question, please ask one of your mentors or partners in ministry for insight).

How and when did you come to know the Lord? How would you describe your spiritual life now?

What spiritual disciplines or life practices make it possible for “the best you” to show up each day?

Please share with us about your training for ministry, including those in your life who most impacted your walk with God. Who were/are they and how have they influenced you?

Years in ministry or service:

Which one of the following best describes your feelings about your home in relation to your ministry?

- Home is a ministry base, a place of hospitality, and of sharing with family and others God sends.
- Home is a place to refresh, a place where I am re-energized to go back out into the world and serve.
- Home is a haven, a place of comfort where I am most aware of the Lord’s presence.
- Home is the place which most distracts me from pursuing God’s will and presence.
- Home can be a challenging place to be, but is often the place I most clearly see the Lord at work.
- Home is a challenging place to be, a place where I have a hard time hearing the Lord and feeling the Spirit’s presence.

Explain your answer.

Which of the following best describes your current investment in ministry beyond your home:

- I work in a titled position and ministry is my full time occupation.
- I am the wife of a man serving in a titled position; I consider supporting my husband’s work my primary ministry.
- Though I don’t serve in a titled role within the church, my dedication to ministry consumes the time and effort of a full-time job.
- Though I don’t serve in a titled role within the church, my dedication to ministry consumes the time and effort of a part-time job.
- I love the ministry to which God has called me, and I serve occasionally, as opportunities arise.

--I am not dedicated to a specific ministry, but love being with God's people and serve when I am called on for specific tasks.

When you focus on some of the "common, every day ways God communicates with you in your life—over and over again"—what comes to mind?

Other than your initial decision to walk in faith with God, tell us about another time you have felt "called" by the Lord. How did you come to understand this experience as a "calling?" How did you respond and what have been the results of your response?

Please complete one of the following statements:

- I sense that God could be preparing me for....
- In regard to my current ministry, I have felt God urging me in the direction of..., but....
- God has spoken, and I/we are in the process of....
- I have had a thought—a dream, really. If I were convinced of God's participation and direction as well as the support of my Christian community, I would...

If you were to attempt to discern God's intention and purpose for you specifically, based on life experiences, the words of others, and your own heart's desire, how would you describe God's purpose for you?

What other details need to be added to better help the CbW team understand your current ministry?

Share with us a few words of Jesus that have blessed you in your ministry and tell how they have impacted that ministry:

(You may quote them as you remember them)

If you could take a snapshot (a mental picture) that would best describe the context in which you now live and serve, what would that picture reveal about your current situation? Use the following statements to jumpstart your thinking:

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 is strongly disagree, 5 is strongly agree) please rate how you feel in regard to the following categories:

_____ I believe I am exactly where God wants me; I can see myself serving in this context for many years.

_____ I believe that I am very effective in my current context of ministry.

_____ I have been in a season of prayer, trying to determine what changes God wants me make in the near future and beyond.

_____ I sometimes wonder if I am living fully into God's purpose and mission for my life.

_____ I am uncertain that I really know how God wants me to serve in the Kingdom.

_____ I occasionally feel that I am unworthy to serve in God's Kingdom.

_____ I feel well received by the people that I serve.

_____ I feel well supported in my work by family and friends.

_____ I feel isolated and alone in my service in the Kingdom.

Please provide a fuller description of how you see your life and ministry in God's Kingdom.

Share a snapshot you carry in your heart of a recent moment when you knew God had used you to touch another's life.

To this point, my relationship with the gospels might be summarized as: (choose up to four)

- a. I am thankful for these peeks into the life of Jesus. They have blessed my life.
- b. I love the stories of Jesus' life on earth, but I spend most of my study time in other parts of the Bible.
- c. I always *intend* to truly *study* the gospels, but I never seem to get there.
- d. These stories feed my soul in ways I cannot totally comprehend; I cannot be away from them for long without yearning for time to hear them again.
- e. The gospels fascinate me. I love their stories, but even more, I love their intricate and timeless design.
- f. Seeing the way Jesus walked with God as Father and lived his life among friend and foe in the first century open doors in my heart that lead me to re-examine my own walk and mission.
- g. I have spent years in the gospels, living in their pages, to the point that in some (or most) of them, I have practically memorized large parts of each—not only the individual stories but the structure of several of the books, as well.

List three gifts of grace (unexpected or undeserved blessings) that repeatedly bless your life:

List three stressors that repeatedly complicate your life and describe how you usually cope with them:

On a scale of 1-10 (where 1 is "hardly noticeable" and 10 is "more than I can bear"), rate your stress level over the last 12 months. Explain your response with some detail.

If you could walk away from this renewal with one spiritual blessing, what would it be?

Given what you know about our program, what might you share that would help us to better pray for your renewal experience and/or to walk alongside you at that time?