



## Delegation to Colombia

October 18-28, 2008

## Globalization and Coffee:

**The Impact of Free Trade and Fair Trade on Colombian Farmers**

Sponsored by the Equal Exchange Interfaith Program and Witness for Peace

### *On this trip we will:*

- Learn about the historical context of Colombia and the economic and political roots of the inequality and conflict that exist in Colombia today.
- Visit an indigenous coffee cooperative and gain first-hand knowledge of coffee farming and the challenges that small-scale Colombian farmers face every day.
- Stay in homes of coffee farmers in a cooperative participating in Fair Trade.
- Learn about Fair Trade and the background of coffee farming in Colombia.
- Meet with experts and activists to hear their analyses of U.S. policy in Colombia.

**Cost:** \$1,350\* (includes \$150 deposit) plus your airfare to Colombia. Fee includes all meals, accommodations, facilitation, translation, and transportation in Colombia. In addition, the fee covers an orientation/training session, reading materials, and action tools distributed both before and after the delegation. Past delegates have successfully raised money in their congregations, schools and communities. Contact us if you need help. Don't let the cost stop you from participating!

**Application deadline: August 22, 2008. Application with a non-refundable deposit of \$150**

**Online application:** [www.witnessforpeace.org/travel/application.html](http://www.witnessforpeace.org/travel/application.html)

**For more information:** contact Anna Utech at [autech@equalexchange.coop](mailto:autech@equalexchange.coop); 774-776-7411.

**Please note:** Spaces are limited, so not all applicants are guaranteed participation. You are responsible for your own travel arrangements to Colombia, but please check with us before making a reservation. \*Fee may vary slightly depending local travel costs in Colombia.

To learn about the region we will visit, go to:

<http://www.equalexchange.com/the-alto-occidente-coffee-growers-cooperative-of-caldas>

*Equal Exchange is a worker-owned cooperative dedicated to Fair Trade. Equal Exchange's Interfaith Program works in partnership with faith-based relief, development and human rights organizations to help communities of faith learn about and promote Fair Trade.*

*Witness for Peace is a politically independent, grassroots organization of people committed to nonviolence and led by faith and conscience. Our mission is to support peace, justice, and sustainable economies in the Americas by changing US policies and corporate practices that contribute to poverty and oppression in Latin America and the Caribbean.*