

# PERU



## Troubled Waters to Righteous Streams of Justice: Addressing the Intersecting Currents of Trade, Mining and Climate Change in Peru

70% of all tropical glaciers in the world are found in Peru, and scientific consensus declares they will have melted away within 20 years. The melting of the glaciers in Peru, due to global warming, has led to a rapidly growing water crisis in the country. Water contamination by mining and oil industries are adding stress to water supplies and those who depend on them, accounting for 55% of the 210 reported social conflicts in 2014. This water crisis risks worsening if free trade agreements like the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), currently under negotiation, continue to prioritize the interests of multinational corporations over that of governments and indigenous peoples to pass and enforce legislation which protects citizens, the environment and the economy. In this context, we discern God's call to action, together with our global partners Red Uniendo Manos Peru.

**Purpose:** Participants in this 8 day Reflection and Action trip will explore how free trade agreements, the mining industry and climate change are creating, perpetuating and exacerbating economic, environmental and health crises throughout Peru. Participants will learn how they can engage in addressing these crises in Peru and globally through advocacy work in the U.S.

**Dates:** May 30 – June 7, 2015

**Sign Up:** March 15, 2015

**Cost:** \$750 plus airfare to/from Lima  
Includes: food, lodging and transportation in country  
Does not include: alcohol or bottled water

**Organizers:** Red Uniendo Manos Peru and Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery Joining Hands

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### Sites to be Visited Outside of Lima

- **Huaytapallana** - rapidly melting glacier
- **La Oroya** – one of the ten most contaminated cities in the world due to toxic emissions from metals smelter
- **Chaquicocha** - farmers and herders practicing organic methods and using renewable energies
- **Huancayo** - fair trade artisans

