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Blackhawk Presbytery Welcomes
**PC(USA) International Peacemaker
Paola Schellenbaum**
Pinerolo, Turin, Northern Italy

Please Join Us

Friday Evening, October 13 at 7:00 pm

**“The Challenge of Integrating
Asylum-Seekers in Europe”**

Westminster Presbyterian Church in DeKalb

830 N. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb 60115

Dr. Paola Schellenbaum is a trained cultural anthropologist with considerable experience in the area of integration of migrants into a new culture. She seeks to change attitudes toward the diversity of immigrants through the development of intercultural sensitivity training for professionals.

She is a member of the Waldensian Church and her selection as a PC(USA) International Peacemaker reflects her denomination's high involvement in working to assimilate refugees from the Middle East and Africa. Faced with the crisis of asylum seekers desperate to reach European shores, the “Mediterranean Hope” Project is on the front lines in Italy, offering relocation assistance, advocacy and limited housing for vulnerable individuals and children.

Ms. Schellenbaum has also contributed to the Waldensian's National Commission on Families and marriage, again working to facilitate dialog within congregations when faced with societal change.

Mediterranean Hope is a project of the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy (FCEI) and the Waldensian Church. The Waldensian Church, a reformed denomination founded in the 12th century, was brutally persecuted during the Middle Ages. So, it is not surprising they care deeply about the vulnerable and rejected in the modern world.



*Drawing by Francesco Piobbichi,
of Mediterranean Hope*