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**C 3.6 SATURDAY 3:30PM COLLOQUIUM - When Curriculum is Oppressive: Working with the Methodist Church in Bolivia to Write Culturally Appropriate Curriculum for Children Ages 4-15.**

Examining a cooperative project between the Bolivian Methodist Church and the Oklahoma Conference of the UMC the presenter will share personal experiences gained from two curriculum workshops. Each workshop culminated in the preparation of three sets of curriculum for children between the ages of 4 and 15. The unique aspect of this project is how it brings together indigenous individuals from across the country of Bolivia for a week of curriculum writing and preparation. Because of this unique writing event the curriculum meets the needs of those it will serve.

Outline

1. Introduction
2. Understanding the backdrop
  - a. Demographic information of Bolivia
  - b. Demographic information of Methodist church
3. Curriculum Workshop
  - a. Introduction of the setting
  - b. Information about the participants
  - c. Goals and objectives for the workshop
  - d. Stories of the people and their work
4. Outcomes
  - a. Curriculum samples
  - b. Curriculum use in the church
5. Summary
  - a. Why does this event matter?
  - b. Who will benefit?
  - c. Can such events be replicated?

I will be using PowerPoint with pictures of the event and will bring curriculum samples to share with individuals attending the colloquium.

