

# Ignite!



## Greetings, !

In JVC you are a part of something much bigger than yourself. As a member of the JVC family, you become a part of many different communities: your JV community, your city and neighborhood, your workplace, and the JVC community worldwide.

In this issue of Ignite!, we highlight two of those JVC communities - workplace partners in Tanzania and Los Angeles. We also include info to help you prepare for Orientation, SMTS tips, and reflection and prayer resources.

### Action in this issue:

- Reminder: Set up Send Me To Serve page - Fri., May 27
- Reminder: Early departure JVs - Update resume and send to Program Coordinator - Fri., May 27
- Complete Orientation Travel Survey - Mon., June 6

### **Important Information and Reminders**

Your Program Coordinator will contact you soon to set up a time to videoconference with your future community mates in early June, and for 1-1 check ins later in June. In preparation for the check ins, please be sure to have read the two articles on racial justice that were distributed at Discernment Weekend, as well as to have spent time with the reflection questions. All are linked below:

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## StoryCorps Welcome!



Click the image to hear a welcome to you from Stephanie and Sean - a current and former JV.

## Stay Connected!

Join the [Incoming JV Facebook Group](#) to introduce yourselves, receive SMTS tips, and other good stuff.

- [ITF Dec. 2015 - What Will It Take for Us to Become an Anti-Racist Organization? \(p. 1\)](#)
- [ITF Feb. 2016 - Where the End Begins: A Letter to my White Ignatian Family \(p. 4\)](#)
- [Lectio Divina Reflection Questions](#)

## Important Orientation Travel Information

Summer Orientation begins Thurs, July 7 at University of Scranton! We recognize that many of you will be traveling from different parts of the country and will need to fly to Orientation.

Please [click here for detailed instructions](#) on booking your travel to and to fill out [this logistics form](#) for our planning purposes for orientation.

**Please complete this by Mon., June 6.**

\*If booking travel to orientation presents a financial burden, please contact JVC at 410-244-1733 to discuss as soon as possible.\*

## Early Departures: Submit Your Updated Resumes

As you will remember, you submitted your resume to JVC with your application several months ago. In the next couple weeks, we will be sending all ICCs (local support people) your resumes, both for their own knowledge and to pass out to the worksites where you will be serving. If there are parts of your resume you want to update, edit, or highlight for your job site, this is the time to do it.

For those of you serving in Spanish-speaking countries—Chile, Nicaragua, and Peru—the same holds true and we will need you to translate your resume into Spanish. It doesn't need to be perfectly translated, but we do want to have a Spanish version to submit to Site Supervisors. We will be in touch after orientation with Late Departures to gather your most recent resumes.

\*Updated resumes for Early Departures (Belize and Micronesia) should be sent to your Program Coordinator by Fri., May 27.\*

## Send Me to Serve Tips

- The sooner you set up your SMTS page, the sooner you can share it!
- Challenge yourself to write letters to 10 people in your life, telling them



All the important info we send to you lives on the [Incoming JV Resource Page](#). There you will find electronic copies of postal mailer contents, past issues copies of Ignite!, and more!

## Agency Spotlights



**Gonzaga Primary School  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

Gonzaga is a ministry of the East African Jesuits and is staffed by Tanzanian teachers and nuns from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who are members of the Company of Mary Our Lady. In the upcoming program year, two JVs will serve as English and homeroom teachers while also facilitating other classes and after-school activities. About one-third of the students come from a local orphanage and many others come from the local neighborhood where the JVs live.

  
**CHRYSALIS**

**The Chrysalis Center  
Los Angeles, California**

Founded in 1984 by then Jesuit Volunteer John Dillon, Chrysalis creates a pathway to self-sufficiency for homeless and low-income

about JVC and inviting them to be a part of your experience.

- If you're seeing family and friends around graduation, you'll DEFINITELY get questions about what you're doing next. Point them towards your SMTS page to learn more and support you!
- What would you do for \$3,000? Would you dye your hair an outrageous color? Shave your head? Chug a gallon of milk? (just kidding, you should NOT chug a gallon of milk!) Think of something outrageous but non-life threatening that you'll only do if you hit your goal.

individuals by providing resources and support for finding and retaining employment. The JVs placed there work as Employment Specialists and provide one-on-one case management, helping clients build employment plans, set achievable goals, reduce structural and motivational barriers, and develop the skills needed to secure and maintain employment.

### **Preparation for the Journey - Kinship**

**“Kinship – not serving the other, but being one with the other. Jesus was not 'a man for others,' he was one with them. There is a world of difference in that.”**

**- Greg Boyle, SJ**

Building relationships based on love and mutual respect with individuals who are poor and marginalized is a formative part of the JVC experience. JVs widen their circles and build community through affirming others' stories and allowing themselves to be shaped by them.

Spend some time reflecting:

- How can you widen your current circle and build kinship with others?
- How do you hope to do this in JVC?

"Soon we imagine, with God, this circle of compassion. Then we imagine no one standing outside of that circle, moving ourselves closer to the margins so that the margins themselves will be erased. We stand there with those whose dignity has been denied. We locate ourselves with the poor and the powerless and the voiceless. At the edges, we join the easily despised and the readily left out. We stand with the demonized so that the demonizing will stop. We situate ourselves right next to the disposable so that the day will come when we stop throwing people away."

— Gregory Boyle, Tattoos on the Heart

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