



JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS

April 29, 2016

Dear Incoming JV

On behalf of the staff of Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC), **WELCOME** to the International Program of JVC! We are thrilled to affirm your placement as a JV in the Class of 2016, serving overseas from 2016-2018.

We are grateful for your enthusiasm and commitment to JVC. As staff members, we look forward to the opportunity to walk with you on this journey. Becoming a JV is a long process of reflection, discernment, prayer, and decision over several months. In the days ahead, amid the excitement and busyness of upcoming transitions, we encourage you return to those prayer and reflection practices that kept you grounded throughout your application and discernment process. It is truly a gift to be invited to walk with and among the Jesuits and the host cultures of each country where JVs serve. So, it is with great humility that you are called by God to continually ready yourself to take off your shoes and be transformed by those who will receive you overseas.

Enclosed in this mailer you will find information about a myriad of topics. **Please review all information carefully as some requires your action.** In June, you will receive a second mailed packet with more specific information pertinent to Orientation, as well as information on health insurance and your country of placement.

Orientation is scheduled from **July 7, 2016 through July 22, 2016 at Scranton University in Scranton, PA.** We ask that you please arrange your own transportation to Orientation. Whether you are flying, taking a bus or train, or arriving by car, we will provide all of the information you need to get to Orientation. So that we may better assist you in your travel arrangements to/from Scranton, we will be sending you detailed information with all the specifics in a future email communication. JVs serving in Belize and the Federated States of Micronesia will depart directly from Orientation for their host countries; the JVC office will book this travel for JVs and send them confirmation once this is completed.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact the International Program office at 202-568-6748 or email our international team at intlstaff@jesuitvolunteers.org.

Finally, we want to reiterate how excited we are to have you as one of our newest Jesuit Volunteers and that you have said **YES** to God's call to service as a JV overseas. Please know you will be in our prayers in these months before orientation and before your departure.

In peace,

Liz Hughes, Billy Hood, Paige Katzfey, Michele Kelley, and Nicole Cronin
the Staff of JVC's International Program

Enclosures:

- A letter to parents (Please hand / send this to them)
- New JV Communications timeline
- Resource for Reflection: Goodbye Styles
- Resource for Reflection: Letter to my brother from an FJV before departure
- Resource: Suggested reading list for incoming JVs
- JVC Community House Names Descriptions
- JVC Loan Deferment/Forbearance Overview and Guidelines
- JVC Supporting Documentation Request Form for Loan Deferments
- Send Me to Serve Campaign Packet
 - Welcome to JVC Fundraising
 - A guide to your online fundraising page

