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Greetings from JVC!

The JVC staff, your placements, and the current Jesuit volunteers are carefully preparing for your JVC experience. We imagine your last few weeks before JVC will be packed with activity: finishing up work or school, preparing to move, saying goodbye to friends and family, enjoying the summer, and determining what you need to pack and how to make it all fit. As you and nearly 275 other Jesuit Volunteers prepare to arrive at Orientation retreats across the country, we wanted to send some important information to help you plan for this coming year. Please read the enclosed information carefully.

1. **HEALTH INSURANCE**: To participate in JVC, you must sign and return one (1) of the following enclosed forms by **July 18, 2016**: a Medical Insurance Waiver or Agreement of Understanding.

**IMPORANT UPDATE**: In the June issue of Ignite, you received initial information about JVC's health insurance plan. Health insurance coverage is required during the JV year. You may choose to stay on your parents' health insurance plan, pay for your own plan, or enroll in the health insurance coverage provided by JVC. The dates of coverage for JVC's health insurance offered on the Agreement of Understanding that went out in Ignite incorrectly indicated September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017. In fact, **the dates of coverage will be August 1, 2016 until July 31, 2017.**

An updated Agreement of Understanding (should you choose to enroll in JVC's insurance) is attached to this email, and found at the [Incoming JV webpage](#). **If you've already submitted an Agreement of Understanding to JVC, you will need to submit a new one with the correct dates.** We are sorry for any inconvenience. For more info, there is a dedicated webpage for JV health insurance: [jesuitvolunteers.org/jvhealthinsurance](http://jesuitvolunteers.org/jvhealthinsurance).

2. **PARENT LETTER**: Share this letter with your parent(s) and loved ones so they can better understand what you are about to undertake and ways they can support you.
3. **WHAT TO BRING TO ORIENTATION**: See what to pack in your one travel bag.
4. **2016 HANDBOOK**: Please print a copy and bring with you to Orientation. After reviewing, sign the last page.
5. **ARTICLES**: Read about Ignatian spirituality and different aspects of JVC's four values, including a resource list to explore the values more deeply.
6. **COMMUNITY MEMBER CONTACT INFO**: Meet your new community and get the address for your new home.



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7. DIRECTIONS: Use if you will be driving to or getting dropped off at Orientation.

Please note that **JVC staff will be leading retreats** in mid-July helping the current volunteers close out their experience. We will only have limited access to email at that time, and we encourage you to be in touch with Nicole Cronin at our main office with your questions ([ncronin@jesuitvolunteers.org](mailto:ncronin@jesuitvolunteers.org), 410-244-1733). Staff will also be at the retreat centers the day before Orientation begins and unable to check email or answer office phones. Please find retreat center contact information on the enclosed driving directions. We are very excited about your upcoming year as a Jesuit Volunteer and look forward to seeing you in August! Until then, take care.

In peace,

The JVC Staff

PS - if you have not already completed **the Orientation survey**, please do so [here](#) as soon as possible. You should know your travel details to Orientation in advance of completing the survey, since you must complete the survey in one sitting (there's no option to save and return to it).