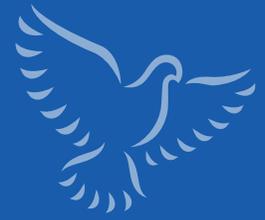




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## 2019–2020 Travel Study Seminars

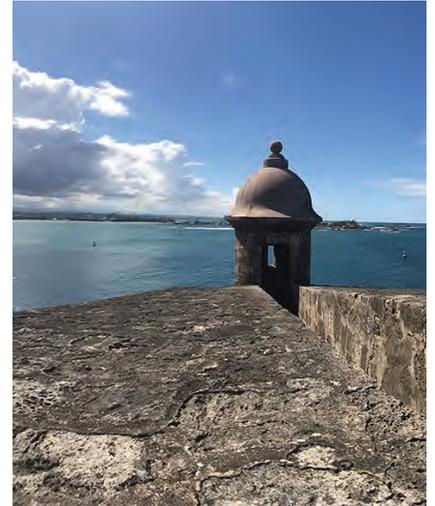
### **Puerto Rico In the Aftermath of Maria: The Political, Social and Racial Dynamics Revealed by the Hurricane and How the Church Is Responding to Them**

*November 11–18, 2019*

In this seminar we will enjoy the beauty of the island and her people and hear from Puerto Ricans engaged in long term disaster recovery, policy advocacy and sustainable development in the aftermath of 2017's Hurricane Maria. We will see how the Presbyterian Church and its three presbyteries in the Synod of Boriquen are working in partnership to support vulnerable communities; welcome mainland volunteers to participate in rebuilding and better understanding; engage in creative partnerships to strengthen Puerto Rico's food sustainability, access to power and clean water; and invite all of us to challenge the structures, laws and colonial practices that have harmed Puerto Rico in the past.

**Application due date: August 1, 2019.**

*(After due date, applications will be considered as space remains available)*



### **Central American Migrant Trails: Exploring the Journeys to and from the United States and Why We Must Act**

*February 17–28, 2020*

This is an opportunity to understand firsthand the immigration context we are facing in the US and why our Central American brothers and sisters take the risk of embarking on this dangerous journey. We will explore other potential and actual consequences of US policies, such as mass deportation, and how that is impacting the lives of the returned migrants, their families, communities and nations. The seminar will take us to Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

**Application due date: October 1, 2019**



### **Philippines and Hong Kong: Root Causes and Current Challenges of Forced Migration and Labor Trafficking**

*May 4–15, 2020*

This seminar will introduce the historical context and contemporary challenges of the labor export program of the Philippines. Half of the seminar will be in the Philippines, and the other half will happen in Hong Kong where families hire mostly Filipina and Indonesian domestic workers. Through community visits, we will learn about the conditions that contribute to overseas employment. We will meet leaders of migrant-serving organizations that support and mobilize migrant workers. We will hear the testimonies of migrant workers and their families. Special attention of this seminar will focus on how faith-based communities are assisting migrant workers in their struggles for justice and human rights.

**Application due January 1, 2020**



Accommodations for these seminars are modest, double-occupancy rooms in hotels and guest houses.

Visit [presbyterianmission.org/travelstudy](http://presbyterianmission.org/travelstudy) for costs, sample itineraries and an online application form. Or call the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program at **888-728-7228, ext. 5805** for more information.