



2021 Peacemaking Travel Study Seminars

April 20–29, 2021

The American Southwest: Native Lands of the Southwest — The Doctrine of Discovery and its Legacy Today

This seminar will journey from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Phoenix, Arizona, giving participants the opportunity to appreciate the rich history, cultures and resilience of indigenous peoples in the Southwest. We'll learn about the impact the Doctrine of Discovery has had on indigenous peoples in the past and continues to have today. The seminar will explore peacemaking issues such as land and water rights, intergenerational trauma, poverty and addiction, border town conflicts, environmental racism, the health effects of uranium mining and the impact of boarding schools.

Applications are due by Jan. 15, 2021. After that date, applications will be considered as space remains available.



June 4–18, 2021

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

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.

Applications are due by Feb. 1, 2021. After that date, applications will be considered as space remains available.



Aug. 16–23, 2021

Puerto Rico: In the Aftermath of Catastrophe — The Political, Social and Racial Dynamics Revealed by Multiple Catastrophes and How the Church Is Responding to Them

In this seminar, we will enjoy the beauty of the island and its people and hear from Puerto Ricans engaged in long-term disaster recovery, policy advocacy and sustainable development in the aftermath of economic and environmental catastrophes since 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.

Applications are due by May 7, 2021. After that date, applications will be considered as space remains available.



Accommodations for these seminars are modest, double-occupancy rooms in hotels, retreat centers and guest houses. Single rooms may be available for a supplemental charge.

Visit presbyterianmission.org/travelstudy for costs, sample itineraries and an online application form. For more information, contact the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program at **888-728-7228, ext. 5805**.