



Module 8: Site-Specific Education ~ Staten Island

Castleton Hill Moravian, Staten Island, New York

Contact information:

Site Supervisor (if applicable): in transition
Other local church contacts:
Other important local contacts:

Service:

Castleton Hill preschool
Staten Island clothing sort and distribution
Staten Island community garden

Travel information:

Arrival by ground or air, airport; Newark most convenient
Internal travel: vehicle, bus, SI train
Any limitations on baggage or items to be carried: as per carrier or space in vehicle
Hotel and housing information: arranged with host and dependent upon the number of participants

Socio-economic context:

Poverty issues:
Demographics:
 Friendly, Up-Beat, Family Atmosphere
 Urban Residential Area
 Fun activities available on the island as well as travel into the city (Manhattan)

Local church information:

Provincial chair: Rev. Betsy Miller
Information about the province or mission area
 Brief description:
 History:
Worship style: relaxed traditional (in transition due to pastoral departure)
Theological issues:

General Daily Life Details:

Electric current and type of outlets used:
Currency / exchange
 Local currency: US dollar
 Recommended amounts of spending money and emergency cash:

Clothing:

Climate concerns:
Summer (Pretty cool temperature wise)

Appropriate dress:

Work: casual attire depending on the setting
Church: casual attire
On the street or about town: casual attire
Running, relaxing, around the house, etc.: casual attire

Communication issues:

Phone contact: accessible, cell phone coverage
Internet: available

Food / dietary matters:

Normal daily meals and routine: to be determined by house host
Snack items to bring along: something to be shared with host family
Access to various food markets/joints/restaurants as well (very good) home-cooked meals

Additional notes:

- This mission trip would be a great experience as team or as an individual. Though having more people at the clothing sort would be useful, I believe I had a very unique experience being able to stay with Pastor Lynnette as member of her family.
- In order to bring a team, different living arrangements as well as food provision would probably be required depending on how many people will be involved.
- Planning was effective, and the trip ran smoothly
- Two weeks seemed appropriate for me as an individual. However, in order to bring a team, the length of trip would have to be re-examined to make it more attainable for various people's schedules. It was discussed the possibility of the team leader staying for an extended time longer than the team (e.g. Team comes for a week and leaves while team leader stays behind at location for another week.)