

The above program is an outline of planned activities, but there is no guarantee that the program will follow this exact schedule, as that will depend on the availability of the persons and programs indicated.

REGISTRATION:

The maximum group will be **20** persons and registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. An initial deposit of \$800 is required to guarantee space. That should be paid by **February 20**. A second payment of \$1,500 is required by **March 1**, and the balance of \$1,000 is required by **March 15, 2004**. *Visa and MasterCard are accepted.*

Deposits will be refunded if notice of withdrawal from the program is given **prior** to **March 1**. Notification of withdrawal after that date but before **March 15** will result in a forfeiture of 50% of the deposit, except in case of documented medical emergency. In the case of cancellation less than 20 days before departure, the deposit will be forfeited in all cases.

DOCUMENTATION:

To enter Brazil you must have a passport that is valid for at least six months after date of entry, or until October 5, 2004. You will be required to get your own visa at the nearest Brazilian Consulate. There is a \$100 charge for visas to Brazil. (It used to be \$10, but the US is now charging Brazilians \$100 to apply for a visa).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (NCCCUSA) sponsors the National Council of Churches Study Seminar to Brazil (An Adventure in Solidarity). This entity and its administrators and any travel agency and/or supplier of services pursuant to or in connection with this Seminar shall not be responsible or become liable for any delay incurred by any person in connection with any means of transportation; nor for any loss, damage or injury to person or property by reason of any event beyond the control of any agency or supplier, or occurring without the fault or negligence of such agency or supplier. The schedules in the program are subject to change without notice.

Refunds of deposits will be governed by the terms stated herein. It is understood that there is no accident or loss insurance offered by the Seminar and each participant is responsible for him/herself. Registration with the Seminar is a declaration that the conditions are understood and accepted.

To reserve your space, fill out the **Registration Form** and send it with your check for \$800 to the **National Council of Churches, 214 Morton Lane, Winter Springs, FL 32708**. *Visa and MasterCard are accepted.*

For more information, write, or call the **Rev. Fred Morris** (407-265-7376) 214 Morton Lane, Winter Springs, FL 32708 (Email: fced@aol.com)



An Adventure in Solidarity

NCC Study Seminar to

Brazil

April 4-18, 2004

This trip will provide an opportunity for committed Christians to have a firsthand experience in Brazil and to observe the results of the first year of the government of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. You will also have the chance to meet with Brazilian church leaders and explore ways we can live in solidarity with the people of Brazil.

The group will travel to Brazil on Sunday evening, **April 4**, leaving from Miami, and arriving in São Paulo, Brazil at 6:00 a.m. on April 5. The group will return on April 17, arriving in Miami at 7:00 a.m. of **April 18**.

While in Brazil, there will be opportunity to study something of the history of Latin America, Brazil and Liberation Theology as it is found in today's Brazil. Visits will be made to the capital, **Brasilia**, where we will have contacts with government representatives and church leaders; the *Movimento dos Sem Terra* (MST)(Movement of the Landless); we will spend Holy Week weekend in a Benedictine monastery in **Goiás Velho**, GO, one of the early colonial cities of Brazil; we will visit *Iguaçu Falls*, the largest waterfalls in the world; we will meet with groups that work with street children in **São Paulo**; visit a *favela* (urban slum) in **Rio de Janeiro**, as well as the oldest social service community center in the country; we will meet with church leaders of Protestant, Catholic and Pentecostal churches; and we will visit tourist sites in Rio, including *Corcovado* and *Sugar Loaf*.

Translation is provided so knowledge of Portuguese, while helpful, is not essential.

Arrangements for the trip are being made by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (NCCCUSA) and the group will be led by the **Rev. Fred Morris, Director for Latin American and Caribbean Relations** of the NCC and who lived in Brazil for 13 years as a missionary of the United Methodist Church.

COST:

The total cost, including roundtrip airfare from Miami, including lodging, all meals, local transportation, and program is \$3,300. (Prices subject to change if there are changes in airfares before tickets are purchased.) Airport taxes and any visa costs are not included. Lodging will be in convents, monasteries and hotels, depending on the area and program (*double occupancy*). Accommodations will be simple but comfortable and adequate. Some scholarships are available, especially for persons of color and Native Americans. Direct scholarship inquiries to Fred Morris. Contact info on back panel.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 4, 2004

9:30 p.m. Fly from Miami to São Paulo, Brazil

Monday, April 5

6:00 a.m. Arrive in São Paulo and transfer to the **Methodist University Campus** for rest

11:00 a.m. Initial orientation session

12:30 noon Lunch

1:30 p.m. Meeting with **Anivaldo Padilha**, leader of *Koinonia*, Church World Service partner in Brazil.

3:30 p.m. Visit to the **Methodist University**

4:30 p.m. Meeting with group that works with street children in São Paulo

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Tuesday, April 6

7:30 a.m. Devotions in Seminary chapel

8:15 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. **Tour of São Paulo**

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Continued tour, including **Butantã Center**

6:30 p.m. Supper at University

7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7

7:30 a.m. Devotions

8:15 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Meeting with **Rev. Antonio Olimpio de Santana**, Director of National Commission to Combat Racism

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:30 p.m. Meeting with **Rev. Tania Mara Vieira Sampaio** about women in ministry in Brazil

4:00 p.m. Meeting with **Bishop Adriel de Souza Maia** of São Paulo, president of the Brazilian Council of Churches

7:30 p.m. Dinner at Brazilian *churrasqueria*

Thursday, April 8

7:30 a.m. Devotions

8:15 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Go to airport for trip to **Goiania**

12:00 noon Fly to Goiania

1:30 p.m. Arrive in Goiania

3:00 p.m. Bus to **Goias Velho** and *Mosteiro da Anunciação (Benedictine Monastery)*

6:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic celebration with community

Friday, April 9

6:00 a.m. Prayers

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. **Seminar on History of Latin America**

12:00 noon Prayers

12:30 p.m. Lunch

3:00 p.m. Good Friday service with community

6:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. **Seminar on History of Brazil**

Saturday, April 10

6:30 a.m. Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Worship with community

9:30 a.m. Walking tour of *Goias Velho*

12:00 noon Prayers

12:30 p.m. Lunch

4:00 p.m. **Seminar on Liberation Theology and the Brazilian churches** led by **Fr. Marcelo Barros**, a leading Brazilian and Third World theologian

6:00 p.m. Supper

8:00 p.m. The Office of Waiting

Sunday, April 11

3:00 a.m. Easter Celebration with entire community

6:00 a.m. Breakfast

7:00 a.m. Rest

12:00 noon Prayers

3:00 p.m. Seminar

6:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Reflection and evaluation

Monday, April 12

4:30 a.m. Leave for airport in Goiania

8:00 a.m. Fly to **Brasília**

8:36 a.m. Arrive in Brasília and transfer to convent

10:00 p.m. Tour of Brasília

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Continue tour

6:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Meeting with **Dr. José Jorge**, professor at the University of Brasilia.

Tuesday, April 13

7:15 a.m. Devotions

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Meeting with **Pastor Roberto Lucena, Presidente "Brasil para Cristo"**

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9:00 a.m. Meeting with **Rev. Ervino Schmidt**, Director of **Brazilian Council of Churches (CONIC)**

11:00 a.m. Meeting with **Brazilian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CNBB)**

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Meeting with **Dep. Aldo Ribeiro**, head of Congress

3:30 p.m. Meeting with **Frei Betto** about Zero Hunger program

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Meeting with **Landless Peasant Movement (MST)**

Wednesday, April 14

7:15 a.m. Devotions

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Go to airport for flight to **Iguaçu Falls**

12:00 noon Lunch at São Paulo airport

2:25 p.m. Arrive at **Iguaçu**, and transfer to **Cataratas Hotel**

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:30 p.m. Debriefing and evaluation

Thursday, April 15

7:15 a.m. Devotions

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Walking tour of Falls

12:00 noon Lunch

2:00 p.m. Go to airport for flight to Rio

6:40 p.m. Arrive in Rio, transfer to hotel on **Copacabana Beach**

Friday, April 16

8:00 p.m. Dinner

7:15 a.m. Devotions

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Visit to **Rocinha favela** and **People's Central Institute**

12:00 noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Shopping

3:30 p.m. Meeting with **Leonardo Boff**

7:00 p.m. Dinner on Copacabana Beach

Saturday, April 17

7:15 a.m. Devotions

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. City Tour

12:30 p.m. Lunch at **Sol e Mar Restaurant**

2:30 p.m. City tour, with visit to **Corcovado** and **Sugar Loaf**

7:00 p.m. Transfer to airport

10:00 p.m. Fly to Miami

Sunday, April 18

7:00 a.m. Arrive in Miami

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Yes! I want to go on the NCC Study Seminar to Brazil!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Religious denomination: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ (Minimum deposit before January 31 is \$800.00)

Check Visa MasterCard

Credit Card # _____

Expiration date: _____

I understand that I will make my own arrangements for travel to and from Miami, Florida and that I will get the necessary visa from the **Brazilian Consulate** closes to my residence.

I accept the **Terms and Conditions** as set forth in the brochure for the Study Seminar.

Signature: _____

Please fill out and return to:

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