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Dear SUSI Students,

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We will meet you soon on this Saturday, June 22nd. Again, as you leave the secured area of the airport, please look for the sign saying "Welcome SUSI Students." The person holding it will take you to Pendle Hill. Please call Michael Cohen (cell: 908-591-0705) or Andi Laudisio (cell: 716-860-9776) if you have questions or problems. We are very happy to welcome you for our residential program study of religious pluralism and study tours. As persons who are interested in being global citizens, we look forward to engaging in the global questions that concern us all. You will find our program attached. It is a full schedule, we know, as we want to give you many and rich opportunities to see the many ways religious pluralism is both enjoyed and challenged in the U.S.

In order to prepare for your arrival, we need your help with some practical matters. First, make sure that you are carrying a copy of your DS-1019 letter from the State Department which you might be asked for at customs. Then if you can send us a passport photo digitally, we can have your Temple ID cards prepared for you. Please send those photos to my email address.

During the course of the program, we would like to share pictures of some of our adventures via Facebook with our Board members and members of the community who are highly interested in your activities within the SUSI Religious Pluralism program. Please be ready to sign our consent form or if you feel you can't please let us know.

When you exit the customs area of the airport and find the staff person, he/she will make sure you reach the Pendle Hill in Wallingford, PA. For your room on the Temple campus, you can google Temple University, Morgan Hall, to see pictures of where you will stay and read details of the accommodation.

The season you are here is summer. It will be warm, often muggy and some rain in Philadelphia. We will provide umbrellas here so you don't have to bring one. Be sure, though, to bring comfortable clothes and shoes. Dress is casual though the religious communities we visit may expect more formal clothing. National dress is also ok.

If possible, please bring an adapter as our electrical current is different. Your Morgan Hall room will have a private bath and a shared living area and kitchen. It will be stocked with the utensils you need. And you will receive a SIM card for use with your phone, if you have one. Each week you will receive money for food and we will provide several group meals. Fresh linens for your bed and bath will be provided each week. And finally, it is very important to bring whatever medications you may need that will last for the duration of the six weeks.

Now several of you have asked about reading material before you come. None is required. It is a strong suggestion to be familiar with the U.S. Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Bill of Rights and Amendments, especially the 1st. Once you are here you will have access to a Temple University platform that will have on it all the readings listed in your program, again, for reading as you so choose. We will also offer handouts and additional materials.

We wish for you safe travels. Please feel free to send any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Mays

