



WELCOME TO
*Ignacio
 Companions
 Encounter
 Program*
 2024-2025

ABOUT US

Ignacio Companions is a 6-month-long invitation to live out Pope Francis’s call to all people of goodwill to create a culture of encounter. Encounter means not just seeing, but looking; not just hearing, but listening; not just passing people by, but stopping with them; and allowing yourself to be moved with compassion to action.

Participants are challenged to expand their worldview, open themselves to the reality of all they encounter on the journey, and to find God in all things. Through creating a global culture of encounter, IC trips encourage participants to live out a faith that seeks global justice.

THE FACES BEHIND IC

Allie Holmquist - IC Program Director

As a student at Regis U, I experienced a global encounter for the first time in El Salvador & Guatemala. This experience ignited my heart to live a faith that seeks global justice.

My top interests (ministerially & generally) include: The intersections of sustainability & spirituality, racial justice, eco-justice, LGBTQIA+ inclusion, feminist theology, theologian Elizabeth Johnson, my cat Hugo, fiancé Zach, nephew & nieces, anything Taylor Swift/Maggie Rogers/Florence & the Machine/boygenius/Sabrina Carpenter, pop culture, the Royal Family, and watching reality TV.



Haley Hogan - Student Campus Ministry for Ignacio Companion

Biology Major & African American Studies Minor

As a senior at LMU, I have had the privilege of participating in the Ignacio Companions program, visiting Kenya and Vietnam. These experiences have deepened my awareness of global injustices and showed me the importance of community and solidarity.

My top interest (ministerially & generally) include: health equity, racial justice, environmental justice, restorative justice, watching movies(preferably a rom com), being outdoors, watching the sunset, listening to music (fav artist: Frank Ocean, Jhene Aiko, Tyler the Creator, Brent Faiyaz), thrifting, puzzles, playing sports, spending time with my roommates, traveling and karaoke.



REFLECTION/PRAYER

O Goodness Gatherer,

We are spiritually lonely and long to be companioned on our journey of faith. Gather those who sojourn alongside Ignacio Companions.

May we be compassionate, inclusive, sincere, and kind.

Bring us into a spiritual family that honors You not just in word but also in true deed.

Preserve this spiritual community from unhealthy, imbalanced, and toxic ideas. Give us a discerning mind to make choices that are good not just for our spiritual health but for our mental health as well, for one can’t exist without the other.

Bring us Ignacio Companions who are spiritually curious and inwardly free. May we in this community grow in love and justice, prayer and activism. May we advance the cause of love as we seek together.

Amen

-Adpated from “for a faith community” by Shanon K. Evans in *Feminist Prayers for my Daughter*



★ MEET YOUR SLS ★

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Why IC? I believe service is just as important within our country as it is outside, but going on immersion trips really can put things into perspective for you.

What encounter/immersion trips have you been on before? Jamaica 2024

Who is someone you encountered on your trip, how has their story transformed you? On the Jamaica trip, I met Crystal. She is four years old with cerebral palsy. We connected when we met immediately and hearing her story made it obvious to me that the work Mustard Seeds Organization does can make a huge impact to a person.

City or country?: I am definitely a country person rather than city because I grew up in the sticks of Northern California. My town is beautiful and I will always love it, but no city can compare to a small town community.

Why IC? I think IC is the perfect opportunity to encounter oneself, the world, and its people through service learning. The connections made that are fostered by faith and service are some of the most beautiful I have ever seen.

What encounter/immersion trips have you been on before? Jamaica, Kenya, Alabama

Who is someone you encountered on your trip, how has their story transformed you? One person encountered whose story and life have really stayed with me is Peter. He was our host and guide in Nunguni, Kenya, and learning about him from his house, his family, his friends and the people he serves, really showed me how love makes a difference in times of challenge- and that a little creativity and persistence mixed in can have remarkable results!

Hot take: Iced coffee and bagels are gross.

★ UPCOMING EVENTS!! ★

Search Retreat

Join Campus Ministry from **November 15-17th** as we get away from campus to reflect on who we are! It offers a chance to explore topics like identity, faith, forgiveness, and relationships while experiencing God's unconditional love. No matter where you are in your faith journey, come as you are and discover more. If interested scan QR code for Registration Form!!



De Colores

LMU students have been traveling to Tijuana, Mexico with the De Colores program since 1985. These monthly, faith-based service weekends focus on accompaniment, solidarity, and community. Students leave behind the comforts of campus (including cell phones) and help build homes for families in the El Florido community. Participants also visit Casa del Migrante, an organization supporting deportees, displaced persons, and refugees. Join us on **November 15-17th**, all students passionate about service, regardless of faith, are encouraged to join!! For more information go to <https://mission.lmu.edu/ministry/servicejustice/decolores>

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER

👁️ New video launch from Mustard Seed Communities, our community partner in Jamaica 👁️

Inspired by the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, Mustard Seed Communities provides loving and lifelong care to children and adults with disabilities, children affected by HIV, young mothers in crisis, and marginalized communities.



ALUMNI FEATURE

JOSHUA MAYFIELD



When and where did you go?

In 2014, I went to Kingston, Jamaica; in 2015, to Rwanda and Tanzania; and in 2016, to Quito, Ecuador.

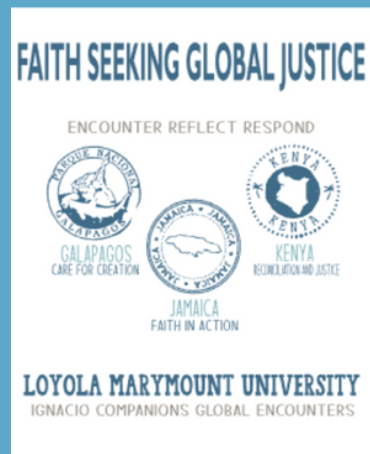
What do you still think about from your encounter?

The people. I still remember their stories, the sense of community, and the laughter shared with the kids. I experienced "moments of transformation" and can recall specific stories from each person I met.

How do you incorporate IC into your career?

"I wouldn't be here without it." IC led me to join JVC Northwest, which opened doors for me to work in campus ministry at LMU. It helped open my mind and heart, allowing me to connect deeply across cultures through encounters.

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