

STOP U.S. ARMS TO HAITI

Lobby-Days Itinerary

Wednesday, September 25th

- 7:15am Group rental van departs for Washington, DC from Morris Township, NJ
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm Group rental van arrives in Washington, DC
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm Check-in/room assignments at Stuart Center for Mission*
(drinks and snacks provided upon arrival)
- 2:30pm - 5:00pm **Pre-Lobby Briefing & Training Session** at Stuart Center for Mission
(briefing on the current situation in Haiti, issues related to gun trafficking to Haiti, pending legislation and executive actions we are supporting; training for legislative advocacy on Capitol Hill)
Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/mtn2mezy>
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Garden Reception at Stuart Center for Mission
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Dinner together at Stuart Center for Mission
- 7:00pm -9:00pm Prayer service followed by musical entertainment (hosted by Religious of Jesus and Mary) at Stuart Center for Mission

Thursday, September 26th

- 7:00am - 8:00am Breakfast and checkout at Stuart Center for Mission
- 8:00am – 9:00am Shuttle from Stuart Center for Mission to Capitol Hill
(box lunch provided)
- 9:00am **Public Gathering & Press Conference on Capitol Hill**
(meet in Zone 2 on [U.S. Capitol Grounds](#))
- 10:00am - 3:00pm **Meetings on Capitol Hill (in-person and virtual)**
→ Zoom links to virtual meetings will be sent via email on a state-by-state basis
→ refreshments and facilities available at [NETWORK offices](#) for those not in meetings
- 3:00pm Group rental van departs from Washington, DC for NJ

Packing Guidance:

- **Photo ID (required)** for admission into any office on Capitol Hill
- Business casual attire for meetings on Capitol Hill
- Reusable water bottle and travel mug (because climate change is another threat to Haiti!)
- Backpack or bag to keep your hands free for posters at the public gathering

Participation Note:

We expect about 50 individuals to join us in person and another 120 people to join us virtually on September 25th and 26th. **You *DO NOT* need to be a professional lobbyist or have prior experience with lobbying in order to participate.** All of us will receive advocacy training on the 25th so we will feel comfortable meeting with legislators and government officials on the 26th. Your presence, your voice, and your passion about stopping the illegal flow of guns to Haiti is all that you need to bring with you.

***STUART CENTER for MISSION**

Address: 821 Varnum Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017

Conference Center Staff Cellphone: (314) 313-5964

Parking and Metro (for those providing their own transportation to Washington, DC): The Stuart Center for Mission is conveniently located near both the Brookland and Fort Totten Metro Stations. While only a short walk from the Brookland Station, the 80 bus offers service from both the Brookland and Fort Totten stations with a stop a short distance from the Center. The Stuart Center is accessible via taxi, Uber, Lyft and other ride-share services. There is ample on-street parking, and guests may park in the Stuart Center parking lot between the hours of 5:00pm and 8:00am Monday through Friday and all day on Saturday and Sunday. Note: You may park on the street. Street signs saying Permit Parking Only do not apply to Stuart Center guests.

Accommodations:

- Overnight accommodations include a private room with twin/single bed, desk, washstand and closet, shared/dorm-style bathrooms, and free WIFI. All linens and basic toiletries are provided. Overnight guests have access to a shared, fully operational kitchen (refrigerator, stove/oven, cookware/dishware/glassware/flatware, and dishwasher). The Stuart Center for Mission does not monitor use and is not responsible for items placed in/removed from this shared space. Those with **special dietary needs** are invited to bring their own food and use the kitchen for preparation and storage.
- Overnight guests receive an electronic key fob which will give them access to their sleeping room and the Stuart Center for Mission front door. Once they have the fob, they are welcome to come and go as they please. Loss/non-return of key fob results in a \$50 fee, which would need to be paid in cash.
- Shared bathrooms are cleaned daily. Appropriate supplies are available for guests wishing to clean prior to personal use.

Questions and Concerns:

Contact Dawn Colapietro (dcolapietro65@gmail.com) of the Catholic Sisters Haiti Collaborative for Community Empowerment.