

VENEZUELA

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Learn about the ongoing Bolivarian Revolution from within!

What is ALBA?

The Bolivarian Alternative for the People of our Americas (ALBA) is a trade policy based on common identity and South-South cooperation through solidarity and equity. There are now seven members of ALBA--Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Dominica, and Ecuador. Paraguay and Uruguay have asked to join.

The delegation will meet with a representative from Banco del ALBA and hear about current and future projects designed for member countries.

Social Programs.



Through educational "missions," illiteracy has been virtually eliminated during the last ten years. Since health care is now a human right, the still-growing "Barrio Adentro" health program

is bring free healthcare to millions who were previously unserved.

Our group will visit classrooms and a medical clinic to learn how these programs are being implemented.



Cooperatives.

See public and private, agricultural and urban cooperatives in action. Although Socialism for the Twenty-First Century is Venezuela's motto, only fifteen per cent of industry is nationalized. This is the portion of the economy that pertains to natural resources and essential services.

Participatory democracy.

Talk with campesinos who are leading their community councils



and prioritizing at the local level the issues that would best benefit the population.

Trip Leader.

The 9-day delegation will be led by Lisa Sullivan. Lisa has lived in Venezuela for thirty years and is the Latin America Coordinator for the School of the Americas Watch.

Cost.

The cost for the 9-day trip is \$1400, which includes hotels, all meals, in-country transportation, translation, reading materials, honoraria for host communities, speakers, and organizations. It does not include airfare to and from Venezuela.

Information.

For more information and an application, please contact Dale Sorensen, 415/924-3227 or geodale1@earthlink.net.