

“Thank you for keeping Estonian values alive here, but also be aware that Estonia has progressed and is waiting for you,” said President Ilves at the reception organized by the New York Estonian Educational Society at the New York Estonian House.

“Estonia is no longer a poor country. It has grown vigorously and I encourage you to come to Estonia and see all this,” said President Ilves. “We have arrived at the point, where the people here could start thinking—maybe my income in the United States is a bit higher than in Estonia, but in Estonia it is possible to teach my children Estonian, to eat Estonian bread, and live an Estonian life.”

President Ilves urged the compatriots that had gathered in the New York Estonian House, “Think about the possibility of coming back to Estonia. We need every Estonian.”

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