



## **International Young Leaders Middle East Peace Initiative**

Dear Young Leader,

You are cordially invited to join a dynamic delegation of fifty young men and women from June 22 to July 1, 2008 in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel for an exciting international service-learning experience. The International Young Leaders Middle East Peace Initiative (IYL MEPI) is cosponsored by Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP) and Faithlink, and is the third project of the YFWP in Israel this year.

The IYL MEPI will give young leaders (ages 18-35) from the United States, European Union, Israel, and Palestine the chance increase their understanding of all sides of the conflict in the Middle East, and make an impact both in the Middle East and in their homes upon their return. The role of young leadership in redressing regional conflict through means rooted in nonviolence, civic responsibility, and intercultural/interfaith collaboration is essential to finding peaceful solutions to conflicts. The role of youth in bridging cultural divides in conflict ridden regions such as the Middle East holds great promise as the next generation of peacemakers emerges.

The core components of the program include direct dialogue among young people from different cultures and faiths, presentations on universal principles of youth leadership, and service together with international participants. In addition, the program will include touring Christian, Jewish and Muslim historic sites in the holy land of Israel, promoting the ideal of one family under God. During the program participants will live, serve, discuss, and learn side by side.

The registration fee is \$700 which will cover expenses while in the Holy Land, including accommodations, ground transportation in Israel, and meals during the program.

Enclosed are a preliminary agenda and an application form. Please email or fax the form to Justin Fong at YFWP ([Justin.fong@youthfederation.org](mailto:Justin.fong@youthfederation.org), fax 202 736 2231, phone 202 957 4202). Further information on the co-hosting organizations can be found at [www.youthfederation.org](http://www.youthfederation.org). We look forward to hearing from you by May 30<sup>th</sup> as space for this international delegation is limited.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

David Caprara  
Executive Vice President  
Youth Federation for World Peace