

## **2020 SUMMER YOUTH INSTITUTES:**

**Program Overview:** This summer, Jerusalem Peacebuilders will offer Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Druze youth (14 – 18 year olds) the opportunity to explore leadership, peacebuilding, and interfaith understanding by participating in one of our intensive, two-week leadership institutes with peers from North America and the Middle East. Activities include: dialogues, workshops, guest speakers, recreation, residential living, visits to local faith communities and field trips to volunteer with nonprofit organizations. JPB programs empower American, Israeli, and Palestinian youth for



effective leadership as active societal change-agents and peacebuilders. Our goals are threefold:

- To develop greater personal awareness, self-expression, good-will, and initiative in each participant through community engagement and service.
- To deepen participants' experience of shared, interdependent responsibility for human welfare through engagement with faith communities and non-profit organizations addressing pressing social issues.
- To connect participants' inner-knowledge, compassion, and courage with interpersonal skills, peer relationships and transformational experiences through intensive leadership training.

Interested youth should be committed to working with others, making new friends, learning about other parts of the world and different faith traditions. They should also be willing to challenge themselves and others to step out of their comfort zones and grow as a leader. All religious observances will be respected and all meals offered by JPB will be Kosher and Halal.

## **Dates and Locations:**

- Voyager Institute for 14-15 year olds, Navasota, TX: August 2 11, 2020\*
- Service-Learning Institute for 15-16 year olds, New Haven, CT: August 2 13, 2020\*
- Interfaith Citizenship Institute for 16-17 year olds, Houston, TX: August 2 12, 2020\*
- Leadership Institute for 17-18 year olds, Brattleboro, VT: July 19 30, 2020\*

**Cost:** All successful candidates receive a scholarship for their program tuition (\$1,200 value). All participants must organize the funding for their flight (ranging from \$1,300.00 – \$1,550.00 **USD**). All participants are required obtain traveler's health insurance and to fill out and submit their own USA Visa application to ensure travel to the USA. The cost of the visa is \$160.00 **USD**. A limited number of scholarships for travel costs are available.

**How to Apply:** Please visit our website (<u>www.jerusalempeacebuilders.org/apply</u>). The final deadline for applications is **February 15, 2020.** 

**Contact:** For more information, please visit our website or contact us by email at <a href="mailto:peace@jerusalempeacebuilders.org">peace@jerusalempeacebuilders.org</a>. We look forward to hearing from you!

<sup>\*</sup>Middle East participants will return home one day after the final program date listed above.