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PRESENTS

8th YOUTH PEACE & CULTURAL EDUCATION IN GHANA, WEST AFRICA
JULY 9-19, 2025

The Youth Peace & Cultural Education Program

Purpose: To promote youth leadership through global education and peace exchanges between the US and African youth and a cultural immersion experience in Africa/Ghana for the US team, via conflict resolution and problem-solving activities, educational instructions, peer dialogues and social interactions, community service projects, and language and cultural experiences.

Eligibility: High School students, **9-12th grades** or recent High School graduate at the time of travel in summer 2025.

Application: Complete and submit the application form, with a one-page letter of interest (State your personal/academic background, your reason(s) for applying to the program, and explain how you plan to apply and share your experience from the program), one letter of reference from your teacher, pastor/ organization leader, and **\$20 application** fee (non-refundable).

Pre-trip Orientations: Selected candidates must attend approximately 4-5 pre-trip orientation sessions and a five day 9AM-4PM- conflict resolution workshop in June 2019, plus online exchanges, and read a **book selection. July 9-19, 2025**, are approximate travel dates. More details will be presented at pre-trip orientations; to be announced upon selection, or on request by a prospective group/school site.

FEE: Participants are expected to pay **\$5200.00** toward the program expenses; including international airfare to/from US/Ghana, all breakfast meals, dinners, lodging, group admission into museums, parks, and slave castles; ground transportation and local guides in Africa; and project administration. Initial deposit of **\$2,000** is due upon acceptance; on **February 22nd, 2025**. Monthly payments in the amount of \$800.00 payable from March – June with the Final payment of **\$800.00** due **June 1st, 2025**, *Churches, businesses, organizations, philanthropists, and schools are invited to sponsor participants.*

Your donations are tax deductible!

Note: Additional personal expenses not included: US international passport, Ghana entry visa, vaccinations, travel/medical insurance, lunches in Ghana. **Optional College credits for an additional cost & application.**

Mail/E-mail/ completed form with the letter of interest & reference from your teacher or counselor, plus **\$20 application fee** payable on www.empoweringtravels.tours on or before **February 22th, 2025**, email: info@empoweringtravels.tours ; Phone : 916-309-9709

Project Leadership: The project will be directed by the Afripeace Chairman, Dr. Ernest Uwazie, and Ghana Program Director Ms. Karen Green, of Empowering Travel and Tours. In addition, there will be 2 US trained adult/teacher guides before and during the trip to Ghana, plus an experienced guide and lead partner in Ghana.

SOME TESTIMONIALS FROM PREVIOUS PROGRAM STUDENTS IN Ghana:

- *Every time I think of Ghana, it brings a huge smile across my face. Reflecting back, it is one of my favorite memories.*
- *I'm glad to be home, but also sad to have left my "Ghana group family." I know that this trip will always be special to me and will encourage me to travel more in the future.*
- *It has made me fall in love with Africa, and the emotional complexities it thrusts upon me. Ghana has inspired me to become a citizen of the world.*