

# Kenya Youth Peace Summit

The Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC) through the support of the Evangelical Church in America (ECA) hosts a week-long ecumenical peace summit in Kenya under the theme, *"Embrace Peace, Fulfill Dreams."*

The Summit to be held in Nairobi from April 13th-19th, 2009 provides an opportunity for youth to learn and practice peace building in response to the violence witnessed during the 2007 post-election violence.

The Summit brings together between 150-200 youth from various faith and traditions, youth networks, ecumenical organizations, churches, Muslim faith and includes other participants from Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, USA and the host Kenya.

KELC is partnering with Church World Service (CWS), All Africa Conference of Churches (AAC), Anglican Church of Kenya, Fellowship of Council and Churches in Great Lakes area and Horn of Africa (FECIAHA), YWCA-Kenya among other organizations.



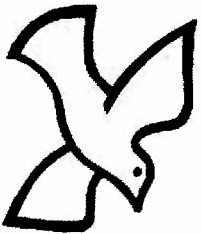
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## Goal

Empower youth with sustainable skills for conflict resolution and peace building.

## Objectives

1. Provide safe and constructive discussion forums for Kenyan youth to share and brainstorm on home-grown approaches to peace-building and conflict resolution.
2. Provide interactive space for sharing personal stories for psychosocial and trauma healing.
3. Plan to increase potential for holistic growth.
4. Accompany youth financially with small grants for small businesses and income generating activities.
5. Mentor, engage and support peer review groups for the youth with the youth and by the youth.



## Implementation Phase 1, Week-long gathering

The conference/retreat will provide an opportunity for youth to focus on reconciliation and empowerment. Participants involved mainly from all inter-denominational faith and Muslims converge to discuss on issues aimed at resolving conflict in our society while giving dialogue a chance. Testimonies by Rwanda youth affected by the 1994 genocide, first-hand experience from Kenyan forced by post-election violence to live in Internally Displaced Camps as IDP's. The discussions to focus on what it means to be a peace-maker/ builder, possible causes of violence in our society and how to get collective remedy. For an immersion experience, youth are

to visit areas that were affected/destroyed by the violence. Tree planting exercise will signify a new beginning and symbolic to commemorating peace while embracing long-term peace solutions initiated by the youth for the youth and with the youth eg creation of peace clubs. Additionally, during the week youths will undergo training on income-generation projects - project management, fundraising and how to write funding proposals. A peer review committee comprising of (50/50 gender balance), will be tasked with awarding funds for outstanding peace initiated projects.

## Phase 2, Project selection

peer review committee to receive project proposals. They are expected to meet and select top candidates for small grants to be disbursed.

**Phase 3, Implementation and review**  
small grants projects will be implemented and reviewed by peer review committee.



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<http://peacesummit2009.wordpress.com>

### At the Summit

**Worship:** Daily worship will show different ways of enacting faith, and provide participants lived ecumenical formation, tolerance and co-existence.

**Safe space for reconciliation:** Participants will learn about and discuss the violence with trained conflict resolution facilitators. This includes testimony from perpetrators and victims.

**Role of youth in peace-building:** How to respond to violence and how violence affects youth will be explored.

**Sharing about youth-led projects:** Youth participants and leaders of income generation and micro-finance projects will share their experience, from opening savings to tree planting as opportunity for job creation etc.

**Learning about launching youth-led income generation projects:** microfinance practitioners will share strategies how to start projects.

**Youth media training:** Youth will be trained on multi-media communication pre-conference and produce a blog documenting conference discussions.

**Cultural celebration:** Through evening cultural entertainment, including choirs, youth will enjoy East African culture and sharing of their own talents

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