



12th Annual WorldLink Youth Town Meeting Briefing Sessions

- I. ***Finding Hope in Adversity: Perspectives from Former Refugees***
Presenters: Aiven Al-Ankawi, Iraq; Rawan Blejani, Iraq; Mya Kyi, Burma; Famo Musa, Somalia
Moderators: Sierra Parker (HTHI) and Alix Reichert (OLP)
- II. ***Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution? Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding***
Presenters: Lance Nelson, professor, USD; Mary Ellen Jebbia, student, USC's Interfaith Council
Moderator: Mariana Piñera (CETYS)
- III. ***Disparity and Solidarity: A Ghanaian's Story of Hunger and Hope***
Presenter: Thomas Awiapo, program officer, Catholic Relief Services in Ghana
Moderators: Kathleen Dore (OLP) and Mariela Saldana (EHS)
- IV. ***Turning the Tables: Youth Transforming Conflict***
Presenter: Laura Taylor, Ph.D. candidate, University of Notre Dame
Moderator: Sophia Casillas (ORHS)
- V. ***What About Our Rights? Indigenous Peoples, Discrimination and Struggles for Social Justice***
Presenter: Robert Hitchcock, chair, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University
Moderator: Alan Del Callejo (CETYS)
- VI. ***Take Action! Responding to Gender Inequality in the Media***
Presenter: Herminia Ramirez, educational outreach coordinator, Sun & Moon Vision Productions
Moderator: Jennifer Langston (JMHS)
- VII. ***Learning to Coexist: Finding Unity in Religious Differences***
Presenters: Gen Kelsang Atisha, Rabbi Lisa Goldstein and Benjamin Lee
Moderator: Jessica Wilson (LJCD)
- VIII. ***Xenophobia: Cause or Weapon in Sudan's Wars?***
Presenter: Judy Bernstein, author, *They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky*
Moderator: Nancy Muñoz (CETYS)
- IX. ***The Economics of Political Violence***
Presenter: Dipak Gupta, professor, Department of Political Science, SDSU
Moderator: Alec Howard (CCHS)
- X. ***Transforming Conflict into Love and Unity through Forgiveness***
Presenter: Azim Khamisa, founder, Tariq Khamisa Foundation
Moderators: Rishika Daryanani (HTHI) and Wendy Ortega (CETYS)
- XI. ***Act Like a Man: Think Outside the Box***
Presenter: Robert Buelow, coordinator, Campus Assault Resources and Education Department, UC Irvine
Moderator: Godiva Kincaid (OLP)
- XII. ***The Challenge of National Identity in Post-Apartheid South Africa***
Presenter: Michael Williams, professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, USD
Moderator: Thania Herrera (CETYS)
- XIII. ***Working in Conflict Zones: The Job of U.S. State Department Diplomats***
Presenter: U.S. Department of State Representative
Moderator: Dylan Morales (CHS)
- XIV. ***More Destructive than Death: Why Rape is Replacing the AK-47 as the Weapon of Choice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo***
Presenter: Jennifer Freeman, former peace writer, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice
Moderator: Marissa Wong (HTHI)
- XV. ***Sustainability is Good Business***
Presenter: Ben Thomson, vice president of international development, Invisible Children
Moderator: Jay Bartell (HTHI)

