

***Share your Talents! See Another Country!***  
***Help Direct a Performing Arts Camp in Haiti this Summer***  
***Applications due December 30, 2018***

Grace Church has been sponsoring an elementary school in the rural village of Bayonnais (near Gonaives), Haiti, since 2008, and offering a summer camp every other year. We are seeking a member or affiliate of Grace Church to help lead a two-week theater/music/dance/art day camp for these children, provisionally July 8-19 (travel dates will be around July 6 and 20) .

**Requirements:** Must be a mature high school or college student, recent graduate, or adult. French language ability and/or Haitian kreyol a distinct plus. Experience with children, resourcefulness, willingness to work hard, and an outgoing personality are important. Previous experience with art-making, theater, music, and/or dance is very useful. The successful applicant will ideally be in the Pioneer Valley for the 2019-2020 academic year or make occasional visits to this area.

**Responsibilities:** The winning applicant will be partnered with a kreyol-speaking student from one of the colleges in the Amherst vicinity. Together they will travel to Bayonnais, where they will stay on the school campus and eat in the village. The village has no electricity or running water, so this will be a rustic experience, largely off the grid.

The camp will operate from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, for two weeks, contingent on grant funding. Campers will be divided into two groups, by age. Each group will spend half the camp day in arts activities, under the direction of the team from Grace, and the other half developing academic skills in reading and writing, under the direction of Haitian teachers from the school. The two U.S. counselors will need to devote time during the months leading up to the camp to planning the arts activities for each of the two age-groups and determining what supplies need to be gathered in the U.S. They are encouraged to communicate with each other and the Haitian teachers about the camp by telephone, Skype and/or email, if they cannot come together in the same physical place. They will meet in person with the Haitian teachers over the weekend preceding the camp.

The counselors' responsibilities and the general educational and social goals of the program will be outlined in writing at the outset, but to some degree the project will evolve during the visit, so flexibility, resourcefulness, and ability to plan cooperatively are essential. We ask that you, jointly or singly, prepare a report after the visit (due Sept. 15) that describes activities and events at the camp, assesses whether it is meeting its objectives, and addresses how it might be modified in the future. We also ask that you keep a daily journal, which the Haiti Ministry will read and return. You will receive a \$200 honorarium upon successful completion of all responsibilities.

We also hope that the successful applicant will continue to help Grace Church with the Haiti School project during the 2019-20 academic year on a voluntary basis and if possible make an informal oral presentation at Grace Church in the fall.

**Funding and Logistics:** Contingent upon Grace receiving grants, travel and living expenses will be fully covered. You are expected to maintain a record of expenses and submit receipts in order to receive reimbursement. Travel dates are to be established at the mutual convenience of the counselors and our partners in Bayonnais.

**Applications** (see form below) are due no later than December 30, 2018, by email to [suzannah.fabing@gmail.com](mailto:suzannah.fabing@gmail.com), and will be considered as they are received. Questions may be directed to the same address, or telephone (413) 256-6812. Finalists will be interviewed in February, in person or by telephone, and a decision will follow shortly. For more on our work, visit [www.graceinhaiti.org](http://www.graceinhaiti.org).