



Working for Peace and Justice in the Middle East

There is hope and there are things you can do! Here are some ideas.

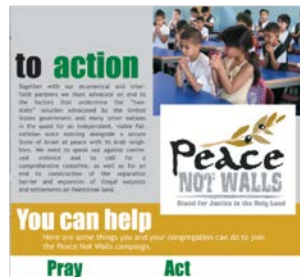


Host a Palestine - Israel Sunday

- Include songs and prayers from the Holy Land at
- Use your synod's communion ware from the Holy Land
- Use Peace Not Walls materials for Sunday School of all ages
- Have a craft fair that features Holy Land crafts

Educate Your Congregation

- Learn about the major issues.
- Use materials for one session or a series
- View the Peace Not Walls DVD and other resources.
- Find speakers in your area



Support Mt. of Olives Housing

Support affordable housing in Jerusalem for Palestinian Christians through the Mt. of Olives Housing Project, a joint international project to build 84 housing units for Palestinian Christians, who are down to 2% of the population. Help keep Christians in the Holy Land.



Advocate!

Learn about the ELCA's Middle East strategy and sign up for the MENET newsletter and action alerts at: elca.org/peacenotwalls.

Write or call your congress representatives based on Peace Not Walls action alerts. A written letter or phone call makes a stronger impact than email.

With ecumenical and interreligious partners in your local area, host a meeting with your members of Congress.

Join the International Prayer Vigil

The [ACT Palestine Forum](http://ACTPalestineForum) has invited people worldwide to pray on the 24th of every month for a just peace in Palestine/Israel until the occupation ends, all violence ceases and the parties negotiate a just solution. Host a vigil with neighborhood churches/synagogues/mosques and have a speaker or video afterwards.



Host an Interfaith Seminar

- Invite Christian, Muslim and Jewish people to serious dialogue about the theologies and realities of the Holy Land.
- Include a teleconference with leaders from all religions on the ground in the Holy Land, including our companions the ELCJHL.
- Check out ELCA interfaith resources.



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Information for all of the above at elca.org/peacenotwalls

Accompany Those Working for Just Peace

Sponsor ELCA Missionaries in the Holy Land



Sponsor one of the ELCA missionaries serving in Palestine and Israel with the ELCJHL, Redeemer English-speaking Congregation or the Young Adults in Global Mission Program. They accompany our companions and provide you with regular communication and, if possible, will visit you and tell about their work..



Support or Participate in the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program for Palestine and Israel

Participate in a three-month term in Palestine-Israel or sponsor someone from your congregation, synod or region. In this program, people walk daily with Palestinians and Israelis working for just peace and communicate their experiences to sponsors and friends, providing valuable insights from participants. Provide support for scholarships, which are available. See www.eappi.org or eappi-us.org.

Learn about the Palestinian Christian Kairos Movement

In December 2009, an ecumenical group of Palestinian Christians issued [The Kairos Palestine Document: A moment of truth - A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering](#). The document is a word of hope to Palestinian Christians and a challenge for churches to work toward an end to Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands as well as to re-examine theologies that support the occupation. Accompany our Palestinian companions by listening to them. Read the document and study resources at kairospalestine.ps.



Plan a Holy Land pilgrimage with your church or synod

Meet our companions from the ELCJHL and people of all faiths working for just peace. View the realities, hopes and struggles firsthand. Most advertised holy land trips will not give you the depth and breadth of meeting people and seeing places from all angles, especially getting to know Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers. Travel guide, sample itineraries, tips and more.



"Our brothers and sisters in the ELCJHL pleaded, 'Please do not get tired of us.' We are committed to hold fast to all that we have seen and heard and not to grow weary of telling their story in our church bodies and country and to the world... we invite many more people to 'come and see.'"

ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson and Bishop Munib Younan of the ELCJHL join the LWF Council at a prayer vigil at the wall.

