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Inspired by the Sumud/steadfastness we see in our Palestinian Lutheran siblings, ELCA Sumud is committed to working for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel.



Informed by our partners from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), the Sumud initiative connects ELCA communities to advocacy resources, offers empowering educational tools about the history and ongoing circumstances of the Holy Land, and walks alongside our siblings in the ELCJHL by lifting up their perspectives and offering solidarity in word and action.

Sumud works in relationship with ELCA bishops and their synods, the ELCA Middle East and North Africa Desk, Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries, ELCA Witness in Society, our missionaries on the ground in Palestine and Israel, and the ELCJHL. We strive to answer Jesus' call for us to be peacemakers, and we align ourselves with the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Strategy for Engagement in Israel and Palestine, as well as resolutions passed at Churchwide Assemblies. Our ELCA Sumud Ambassador network is growing--ask your bishop if there's one in your synod!



We are *all* Sumud.

We live in a time when we hear voices speaking on behalf of U.S. Christians. **Our** U.S. Christian voices matter too. We are called to faithfully disrupt systems of injustice and to listen to the lived experiences and witness of our Palestinian Christian siblings. We do this in our advocacy, in raising awareness in our communities and in accompanying the ELCJHL.

