



Monthly Newsletter

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BISHOPS AND KEY LEADERS TO THE HOLY LAND!

In June Sumud brought a delegation of bishops and key leaders from Churchwide to the Holy Land. We met with Augusta Victoria Hospital, the Environmental Education Center, Patriarch Theophilos III from the Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem, Father Boules from the Assyrian Church in Jerusalem, along with the Pastors of the ELCJHL, and many more organizations and partners. It was a powerful and transformative learning opportunity for how we can accompany, advocate, while sharing and building awareness around our siblings for justice in Palestine and Israel. Keep in eye out for personal videos from these key leaders and bishops about their experiences while on this tour in the Holy Land. Videos will be shared on our Instagram (@ELCASumud) and our Facebook Page (ELCA Sumud).



We're Hiring!

We are hiring a full-time Program Director for Sumud: for justice in Palestine and Israel. Link is attached to learn more and submit your applications today!



YOUTH GATHERING 2024

We are so grateful to have been apart of MYLE, Youth Gathering and Young Adult gathering 2024! We provided workshops for the Young Adults to learn more about Sumud for justice in Palestine and Israel. Sumud had an interactive space for the youth gathering where participants could ADVOCATE by sending postcards to their elected officials.

ACCOMPANY by writing their messages of hope on our version of the separation wall and BUILD AWARENESS by hearing stories from Palestinian youth. We are so grateful for Rev. Sally Azar for sharing her brave voice with over 16,000 youth! It's has been a great event and we are so proud and grateful for the ways we were able to show up!

ALAMEH BIANUANL ASSEMBLY!

We feel a deep need, now more than ever, to come together to meet, pray and fellowship with other Lutherans living in America that originate from the Middle East. The assembly will be held at the Lutheran Center in Chicago on October 11-13, 2024. Our Keynote speaker is the Rev. Munther Issac. We are excited to have him bring us a message first hand regarding the people and situation in Palestine!

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“God calls us to disrupt the idea that we are American or Palestinian or Israelis. God calls us to remember that we are human beings and all children of God. Every human being deserves to be safe and free.”



Did you miss the Churches For Middle East Solidarity Sunday Event? We have got you covered! The link to connect to the resources from the event where Churches across the country prayed for peace in the Holy land is attached. You can also see the recording of the event is attached.