


SUMUD RESOURCES

- Lenten Video Series Following the Way of Jesus A Lenten Holy Land Journey and Study Guide
- Sumud Series Webinars
- Holy Land Accompaniment Trips and trip planning resources.
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AN INITIATIVE OF THE ELCA
FOR ENGAGEMENT IN
ACCOMPANIMENT, AWARENESS-
RAISING, AND ADVOCACY FOR
JUSTICE IN PALESTINE AND
ISRAEL.





WHAT DOES SUMUD MEAN?

Sumud is an Arabic word meaning “steadfastness”. A term widely used to signify Palestinian resistance to the dehumanization and injustice of the Israeli occupation.

For Palestinians sumud can encompass both advocacy for political change & “resistance through existence” embodied in community relationships (people, land) and in education, social work, scholarships, and the arts.



WHAT DOES SUMUD DO?

ACCOMPANIMENT

ELCA engagement in the Holy Land is grounded in our accompaniment of Palestinian companions such as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Holy Land (ELCJHL).

ADVOCACY

Sumud advocates for justice in Palestine and Israel that will end the occupation and provide human rights, dignity, and life to all Palestinians and Israelis, providing true and lasting peace.

AWARENESS-RAISING

Guided by the wisdom of our Palestinian partners, Sumud raises awareness in the ELCA about the realities faced by the Palestinian people of the Holy Land and empowers our church to fulfill our calling to work for justice.

WHAT DOES THIS NEW TITLE REPRESENT?

Sumud is building on 20 years of faithful work by ELCA Peace Not Walls to expand, deepen, and integrate the ELCA's engagement in accompaniment, advocacy, and awareness-raising in Palestine/Israel. Our new name, chosen by a joint ELCA and Palestinian Lutheran team, focuses on justice as a necessary condition for peace. We name Palestine first out of solidarity with the right of the Palestinian people to exist in their own homeland. We name Israel because of our belief, shared with the Palestinian church, that God's desire is for justice and peace for all of the people of the Holy Land.

