

Additional promotional materials (posters, brochures...) can be found at the Holy Land Youth Mission website:

www.elca.org/Hlyouth



If you (or your parents) have any additional questions feel free to contact Julie Rowe at the ELCA:

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Churches can also support the Holy land by hosting a **Palestine - Israel Sunday**

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

For additional information visit:
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FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR THE HOLY LAND YOUTH MISSION 2010

We are excited that you have decided to join us on the 2010 Youth Mission to the Holy Land. You are probably also excited and intrigued about this unique experience. Of course, you may also be a bit nervous about coming up with the necessary funding.

Although this mission experience is expensive, we believe it is also invaluable. So, we have come up with this list of fundraising suggestions to help you offset some of the cost. Some of the young people using these ideas from prior trips were able to raise enough to cover most if not all of the costs for their trip. We hope you can too!

Remember, these are just suggestions. This is YOUR mission trip and if you have a fundraising idea of your own, go for it! If it works well for you we may even add it to this list for future participants.

Sales and Collections

Holy Land Bazaar

Order olive wood inventory (Nativity sets, ornaments, etc) from Bethlehem, Palestine to create a bazaar at church for 2-3 day sale. Bazaar may also include baked goods from local Middle Eastern bakery, silent auction items, etc. Bazaar will be most effective in early December. (Orders for December delivery need to be placed very soon.) Items can be found at: www.elca.org/palestinecrafts.

Silicone Bracelets

Order silicone bracelets in bulk online to support your mission trip. One idea is to have "Peace" embossed in English, Arabic, and Hebrew. Bracelets can be sold at church wide events to raise funds. Bracelets can also be used as gifts to give out during mission trip. For more info. see: www.ezbands.com.

Returnable Bottle/Can Drive

Distribute flyers to friends and neighbors soliciting help in collecting bottles/cans for recycling. Also, ask if you can place a collection bin at your church and have your church family bring their recycling to church for you to return. Be sure to list collection dates on flyers.

Special Offering Ideas

Prayer and Fare

Create posters which include profile photo and calendar grid for days of trip. Sponsors sign up on poster to sponsor participants in "prayer and fare" for the date they choose. Allot a dollar amount for each day (suggested amount \$50-\$100). While on the trip you will send a postcard "thank you's" to sponsor each day. (And, they will be praying for you that day too!)

Pringles Pyramid

Purchase Pringles to distribute to members of your congregation on a specified Sunday. Challenge member families to fill can (after enjoying the gift of Pringles) with spare change to support your mission trip. Families can decorate outside of cans for added fun. Collect filled cans somewhere at church and build a pyramid to raise funds for your mission trip. Host an event at church to roll coins or ask a local bank for help.

Noisy Offering

Check with your church leadership for permission to conduct a Noisy Offering for a few Sundays. Follow ushers regular offering collection with a cake pan or other metal container to solicit coins/cash and shake pans to create noise. Be sure to create flyers, advertise in your church newsletter, and verbally announce your intentions at least three weeks ahead of time.

Donations and Matching

Letter Campaign

Write letters to friends, family, team mates, etc. asking for support. Be sure to include specifics about your trip and include a return envelope. Ask your church family to allow sponsors to make checks payable to your church for a tax deductible contribution.

Thrivent Scholarship

Check with your church leaders for contact information for your local Thrivent Financial for Lutherans chapter. Contact Thrivent representative and inquire about a possible scholarship for your mission trip or see if Thrivent would match funds for one of your fundraisers you use at your church.



Some examples of popular olive wood carvings to offer at the Bazaar: Nativity scenes, tree ornaments, and crosses.