

# Working for Peace and Justice in the Middle East

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

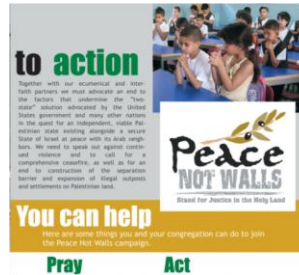


## Host a Palestine - Israel Sunday

- Include songs and prayers from the Holy Land at [elca.org/peacenotwalls/worship](http://elca.org/peacenotwalls/worship).
- 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 issues at: [elca.org/peacenotwalls/majorissues](http://elca.org/peacenotwalls/majorissues)
- Use materials for one session or a series
- View the Peace Not Walls DVD and other resources [elca.org/peacenotwalls/resources](http://elca.org/peacenotwalls/resources)
- Find speakers in your area



## Advocate!

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

Other ideas at:

**Peace Not Walls Advocacy**  
[elca.org/peacenotwalls/advocacy](http://elca.org/peacenotwalls/advocacy)

**ELCA Washington Office advocacy page**  
[elca.org/advocacy/holyland](http://elca.org/advocacy/holyland)

**ELCA Advocacy**  
[elca.org/advocacy/involved](http://elca.org/advocacy/involved)

## 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. See [elca.org/mohp](http://elca.org/mohp).

## Teach the Children Well

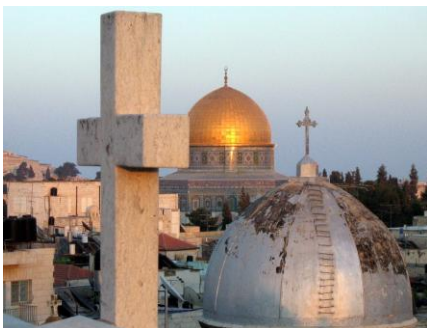


Support the schools and educational programs of the ELCJHL that provide academic excellence and holistic programs to Christian and Muslim students, teaching tolerance, peace-building, democratic principles and women's empowerment. See [www.elca.org/goodgifts/partner](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts/partner).

## 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 at [elca.org/ecumenical](http://elca.org/ecumenical).

Information for all of the above at [elca.org/peacenotwalls](http://elca.org/peacenotwalls) or call 800/638-3522, ext. 6466



# 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. See [elca.org/goodgifts/missionarysponsorship](http://elca.org/goodgifts/missionarysponsorship).



## Support 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. Scholarships are available. See [www.eappi.org](http://www.eappi.org) or [eappi-us.org](http://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 of 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](http://kairospalestine.ps) or [elca.org/peacenotwalls/kairos](http://elca.org/peacenotwalls/kairos).



## 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 information available on the PNW Web site.



*"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 ELCIC Bishop Susan Johnson after their return from the 2009 Bishops' Academy that brought more than 40 bishops to the Holy Land

