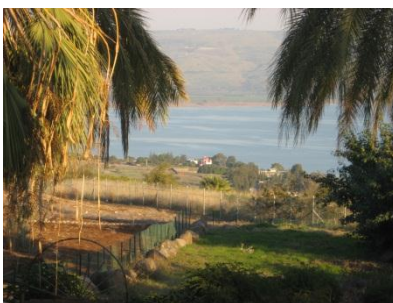


Challenge and Hope in the Holy Land

January 4-14, 2012



Church of the Nativity



Sea of Galilee



Garden of Gethsemane

PURPOSE: To provide an opportunity to be an eyewitness to the current situation in Israel-Palestine in order to gain understanding of the challenges to a just peace in the Holy Land. There will also be opportunities to visit a number of Holy Sites.

Hear from a former traveler:

"This was an incredible experience to see first-hand the conflicts between Israelis and Palestinians, especially the treatment of Palestinians. It is so important that we understand this situation because it has such a bearing on peace and justice in the world. Nancy is a wonderful tour leader.

Rev. Dr. Dennis Short

Former DOC PSWR Regional Moderator

I feel called to take groups to the Holy Land because it is difficult to understand the situation until you have seen it for yourself.

Rev. Nancy Fowler

Approximate Cost:

\$2850

Includes: Airfare from LAX, ground transportation in Israel- Palestine, lodging (double), all dinners and breakfasts.

Itinerary (proposed)

3 nights in Bethlehem

(1 night in a Palestinian home)

Church of the Nativity & Manger Square, Shepherds' Field, Christmas Lutheran Church, refugee camp, Hebron, glass factory

2 nights in Nazareth

Sea of Galilee, Mt. of Beatitudes, Church of Anunciation, Capernaum Nablus & Jacob's Well

3 nights in Jerusalem

Old City, Via de la Rosa, Mt. of Olives Justice tour of Jerusalem, Sabeel, B'Tselem, Rabbis for Human Rights, Settlements



Rawdat el-Zuhur (Garden of Flowers), a primary School for Palestinian children in East Jerusalem

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Preparation: To help you decide if this is an experience you want, and to prepare you if you choose to join us on this journey, here are some suggested resources:

Websites:

<http://globalministries.org/mee/countries/israel-palestine/>
Global Mission Partners

www.sabeel.org, btselem.org, rawdats.org,
elcjh.org/cong/bethlehem, www.diyar.ps

Books:

- Blood Brothers or We belong to the Land by Elias Chacour
- A Palestinian Christian Cry for Reconciliation or Justice and Only Justice by Naim Ateek (Co-Founder of Sabeel)
- We Can Have Peace in the Holy Land or Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid by Jimmy Carter
- Bethlehem Besieged: Stories of Hope in Times of Trouble by Mitri Raheb (Pastor, Christmas Lutheran Church)
- The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine by Ilan Pappé (an Israeli & former member of the Knesset)

Additional reading suggestions are available.

Requirement: There will be extensive walking every day.

Highlight: We will be in Bethlehem for Orthodox Christmas!