Challenge and Hope in the Holy Land

May 21-31, 2014

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.
**Former Travelers:**

Left to right: Rev. Dr. Dennis Short, 2010; Rev. Don Dewey, 2013; Russell Cortez, 2012; Rev. Nancy Fowler, Group Leader

**“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, 2010  
Former DOC PSWR Regional Moderator_

**Approximate Cost:**
$3100 – may be reduced if group fills

**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, BTselem, Rabbis for Human Rights, Settlements

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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:**
Global Mission Partners  
[www.sabeel.org](http://www.sabeel.org), [btselem.org](http://btselem.org), [rawdat.org](http://rawdat.org), [www.diyar.ps](http://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 Pappe (an Israeli & former member of the Knesset)

*Additional reading suggestions are available.*

**Requirement:** There will be extensive walking every day.