JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK:
STRENGTHENING ARAB CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL WITNESS

The vibrant witness of Protestant (Evangelical) churches in the Middle East has never been more vital than in the past few years of regional upheaval.

THE NEED

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) serves in Jerusalem, the Palestinian territories and Jordan. With approximately 3,000 members, the ELCJHL's mission is to proclaim the gospel within an Arab context through public witness and service programs.

The church has many priorities for the years ahead, centered around preserving and strengthening the Christian presence in the Middle East. The ELCJHL strives to be a stabilizing presence for Lutherans and a voice of compassion in a volatile environment. As Palestinians continue to struggle for autonomy and nationhood, the ELCJHL works for peace with justice through education, reliable access to health care, interfaith dialogue and recognition within the international community. Through a commitment to achieving long-term sustainability, strengthening women's and family rights, and providing support and leadership development for lay leaders and pastors, the ELCJHL is boldly living out God’s call for peace, reconciliation and love.

Through the Global Ministries project Jerusalem and The West Bank: Strengthening Arab Christian Evangelical Witness, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is partnering with the ELCJHL to provide catechetical and lay leadership training for youth and adult laity. Special priority will be given to women interested in becoming lay evangelists and catechetical teachers. In addition, the project includes the development of Christian education and confirmation materials for young people and the development of lay preacher training for adults. Plans are in place for the printing of Bible study materials, hymnals, and the Arabic translation of the Augsburg Confession.

Join us. You can walk alongside this church as it continues to work toward peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land.

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ABOUT ELCA GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The ELCA has deep, long-standing relationships with more than 80 Lutheran churches around the world. As part of a global Lutheran community, we work alongside our brothers and sisters to spread the good news of Jesus Christ near and far.

Because we can do more together than we can as individual congregations, the ELCA listens to our companion churches around the world and responds to their requests for financial support to expand their ministries – to start new congregations, extend outreach in urban areas, and train pastors and evangelists. We call these joint evangelism projects Global Ministries.

The initiative in Jerusalem and The West Bank is one of 11 new Global Ministries introduced as part of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

HELP US DO MORE!

Make a gift to Jerusalem and The West Bank:
Strengthening Arab Christian Evangelical Witness.

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Make a secure credit card donation by visiting community.elca.org/jordanholyland.

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Make checks payable to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship with “Jerusalem and The West Bank – GCS4009” in the check’s memo line. Mail checks to: ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

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*Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA* is our moment to look toward the future of this church and boldly respond to the needs of the world with a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. This five-year, $198 million campaign will help our church grow our communities of faith, form new leaders, welcome our neighbors, overcome malaria, confront hunger and poverty, accompany our global churches and so much more. Together, we can achieve things on a scale and scope we could never do otherwise.