

# Peace Not Walls Holy Land Trip Resources

- Are you interested in going on or planning a trip to the Holy Land?
- Did you know the ELCA has a companion Lutheran church in the Holy Land?
- We invite you to meet the living stones, the people of the land, rather than just seeing archeological and historical sites on your visit
- See the resources below to learn more and start planning your trip

## **Accompaniment means walking together**

The [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's](#) (ELCA) model of Global Mission is accompaniment. Built on relationships and trust, accompaniment means walking together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality. The ELCA is working for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel through our campaign, [Peace Not Walls](#). Through accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising, Peace Not Walls connects ELCA members to our companions and promotes dignity, full respect for human rights, healing and reconciliation.

## **Planning your visit**

In Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Jordan, the ELCA's companion is the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land](#) (ELCJHL), led by Bishop Ibrahim Azar.

ELCA visitors are welcomed and encouraged to explore the ministries of the ELCJHL and the [Lutheran World Federation-Jerusalem Program](#) and the [Lutheran World Federation-Jordan Program](#), in order to build relationships and to learn about their commitment to faith and faithful service. There are opportunities to worship with ELCJHL congregations, volunteer at an olive harvest, visit ELCJHL schools, and visit Augusta Victoria Hospital, for example.

ELCA staff and the community of the Peace Not Walls campaign are great resources for trip planning. In addition, there are deployed Global Mission staff in Jerusalem who can connect you to your companions in the ELCJHL, LWF-Jerusalem, and LWF-Jordan.

## **We'd love to know when you are planning a trip!**

- Email Peace Not Walls coordinator, Karin Brown, ([karin.brown@elca.org](mailto:karin.brown@elca.org)) with your trip dates and to learn about how to connect with accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising opportunities before, during and after your trip.
- Contact Bishop Azar through his administrative assistant Tamara Zahran ([administration@elcjh.org](mailto:administration@elcjh.org)). A visit with the Bishop is subject to availability.