



PILGRIMAGE
TO PEACE

April 14 - May 2, 2024
Locations Throughout the U.S.

Join **Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)** to host a conversation about peacebuilding and advocacy related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Speakers include members of CMEP staff and peace-builders from the Middle East. See the speakers page for more info.

This year, our presentations will give particular attention to the events that have unfolded in the Holy Land since October 7, 2023. Following October 7th, CMEP has continuously called for a permanent bilateral ceasefire, the allowance of humanitarian aid into Gaza, and for the release of all hostages. We recognize that current events are rapidly changing, and our speakers will be prepared to discuss the most current news and updates from the ground. During our presentations, we will discuss the importance of advocating for human rights in Israel and the Palestinian territories. The occupation has impacts on people living on all sides of the conflict including both Israelis and Palestinians. Understanding the geopolitics, social considerations, and other aspects of the conflict demands that we look beyond the headlines into the daily realities of people living on the ground. Churches for Middle East Peace is pro-Israeli, pro-Palestinian, pro-peace, and pro-justice. The things we learn working for peace in in the Middle East can be applied to conflicts in all areas of our lives; including conflicts with our families, friends, neighbors, and communities. Join us to learn what it means to be someone who pursues peace, while also advocating for justice in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and beyond.

Formed in 1984, Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) is a coalition of national Church denominations and organizations working to encourage U.S. policies that actively promote just, lasting and comprehensive resolutions to conflicts in the Middle East. CMEP helps church organizations, leaders, and individuals nationwide advocate in a knowledgeable, timely, holistic, and effective way to express their concerns about justice and peace for all peoples in the Middle East.



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OUR MESSAGE

WE PROMOTE SPACE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE CONFLICT THAT CAN HELP LEAD TO A COMPREHENSIVE RESOLUTION TO THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT. Guided by deep faith, religious commitments, and humanitarian principles, we are committed to peace and justice for all people, including Palestinians and Israelis. We care deeply for people who are marginalized and living in poverty. We take seriously their protection in times of conflict. Our message emphasizes compassion while upholding justice in pursuit of security, freedom, and dignity for all the people of the Holy Land.

WE SUPPORT THE PEACEBUILDING AND ADVOCACY WORK OF ISRAELI AND PALESTINIANS COMMITTED TO CONSTRUCTIVE CONFLICT & BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS DIVIDES. We work to promote peace and reconciliation between all people of the land. We believe in supporting Jews, Muslims, and Christians, as they courageously pursue a radical calling toward both justice and peace.

WE ADVOCATE ON ISSUES RELATED TO HOLISTIC PEACEBUILDING, MEETING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISRAEL, THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, AND THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST. You can learn more about CMEP's advocacy work and the specific issues we address including Jerusalem, Gaza, Settlements and Displacement, and Child Detentions in the West Bank at our website: www.cmep.org/issues.

During this gathering, you will hear more about work being done in Palestine, Israel, and the United States to help achieve peace and justice in the Holy Land. We invite your community or organization to join these efforts as we work together to better understand the realities affecting both Israelis and Palestinians and how people of faith in the United States can play a positive role in pursuing peace. We have a variety of opportunities for your community as a whole or for individuals to partner with CMEP for peace, including:

- **ENGAGE WITH CMEP**

Stay informed of the ongoing engagement with Churches for Middle East Peace by signing up for our weekly e-mail bulletin to stay connected to CMEP's ongoing advocacy work.

- **ATTEND AN ADVOCACY SUMMIT**

Join others in D.C. to meet with government officials, Christian leaders, and peacemakers to learn about ways the Christian church in the U.S. can engage with the issues. Advocate on behalf of the Israeli and Palestinian people with your government representatives and other leaders.

- **JOIN A TOUR TO THE HOLY LAND**

Join with other CMEP constituents or plan a trip with your community to travel and see the realities of life in Israel and Palestine first hand. Learn from peacemakers on the ground. See what life is like there. And, of course, visit the holy sites.

- **BECOME A CMEP PARTNER CHURCH**

CMEP Partner churches commit to supporting the work of Peace in the Middle East through financial and in-kind gifts to CMEP and by committing to educating and raising awareness about issues related to Middle East Peace within their congregation.

YOUR COMMUNITY'S ENGAGEMENT

We are excited that you have chosen to join us in supporting those working for peace in the midst of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This is an important message that we want to share with as many people as possible. Working with groups like yours gives us a platform to accomplish this task. On this tour, we would like to offer you the opportunity to partner with us in other important ways.

INVITE

We are excited to bring engaging speakers to your community to share our message, but we know this perspective on peacebuilding in The Holy Land will only be heard if there are people there to hear it. Please assist us in this regard by promoting our tour and inviting your organization and others in the community to attend the event. We welcome anyone that wants to learn. We would ask that you please use the messaging points provided here and if you need other information for messaging contact us. We will also provide a marketing packet to assist you in recruiting.

DONATE

Accomplishing our work requires the generous support of individuals, organizations, and communities. As part of our event, please consider engaging with our work in Israel-Palestine and this tour by supporting us in the following ways:

HONORARIUM: We are asking partners to donate an honorarium toward the cost of our tour so that we can continue to promote our message. The honorarium will help cover our travel costs and any additional monies raised will go to support our ministries.

HOSTING: To help defray the cost of travel, we would be honored to be hosted in the homes of organization members who have the gift of hospitality. We would also be delighted to be hosted for a meal during our time together – either as an official event for leaders in your community or as an informal meal time that provides a chance to relax and talk.



For more information or to schedule an event, please contact:
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