The Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

- Established by action of the 2004 General Assembly, the IPMN encourages congregations and presbytery mission committees, task groups and other entities, toward specific mission goals that will create currents of wider and deeper involvement with Israel/Palestine.
- Seeking to fulfill our mandate, we work to demonstrate solidarity, educate about the facts on the ground, and change the conditions that erode the humanity of both Israelis and Palestinians, especially those who are living under occupation in East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza.
- The Israel/Palestine Mission Network is an opportunity for Presbyterians throughout the country and at all levels of the church to coordinate ongoing efforts and discover new ones.

Ultimately, our network aims to support our church partners in Palestine to:
- Strengthen Christian social institutions
- Create jobs and promote economic development
- Maintain schools and hospitals
- Enable affordable and safe housing for Palestine
- Educate at the grassroots level

Our Mission

In joyful obedience to the call of Christ, and in solidarity with churches and our other partners in the Middle East, this network covenants to engage, consolidate, nourish, and channel the energy in the Presbyterian Church (USA) toward the goal of a just peace in Israel/Palestine by facilitating education, promoting partnerships, and coordinating advocacy. Our network speaks TO the Church not FOR the Church.

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...love one another as I have loved you
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