

RESOLUTION TITLE: For Justice for Palestinians and Israelis

Whereas, the ELCA, in 2005, established an initiative, "Peace Not Walls: Stand for Justice in the Holy Land" (now known as "Sumud: For Justice for Palestinians and Israelis), which seeks "peace with justice for both Palestinians and Israelis and the continuation of the Christian witness in the Holy Land;" and

Whereas the ELCA, in its Social Statement "For Peace in God's World," has committed to promote respect for human rights; and

Whereas the ELCA is in relationship with the six Lutheran congregations in the Bethlehem area, Ramallah, Jerusalem and Jordan (the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land) and Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem is a project of the Lutheran World Federation; and

Whereas the ELCA Presiding Bishop and Council of Bishops have expressed sorrow over the loss of innocent lives on both sides and called for a ceasefire and for negotiations for an overall political solution to resume;

Therefore,

Be it resolved, that individuals and congregations be encouraged to:

- Pray for Palestinians and Israelis who work to create a future of justice, equality, reconciliation and peace for all Palestinians and Israelis;
- Stand in solidarity with all who are suffering in Palestine and Israel and to support the work of the ELCJHL (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land), LWF (Lutheran World Federation), ALAMEH (Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage), and WCC/EAPPI (World Council of Churches/Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel) in bringing comfort, support, accountability, and relief;
- Be informed about and engaged in the SUMUD (formerly Peace Not Walls) initiative of the ELCA: <http://elca.org/sumud>; and
- Sign up for ELCA monthly Advocacy Alerts - "Middle East Network".

Be it further resolved, that individuals and congregations be encouraged to call on the US Administration to work to:

- Secure a permanent ceasefire and the release of all hostages and unlawfully detained political prisoners, resume efforts toward a political solution to the conflict, establish immediate and unhindered humanitarian access to the entire Gaza Strip, and support the restoration of vital infrastructure; and
- Secure access to Augusta Victoria Hospital and other East Jerusalem hospitals for Gaza cancer patients and others needing urgent medical attention and provide continued funding for the East Jerusalem hospitals.

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