

RESOURCES for implementing 2015 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly resolution on settlements Rocky Mountain Synod Peace Not Walls

EDUCATION

Learn more:

- ELCA Peace Not Walls Strategy for Engagement: http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/PNW_Strategy.pdf
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL): www.elcjl.org
- End the Occupation: <http://www.endtheoccupation.org/article.php?id=4453>
- “Israeli Settlements Are Illegal” – proposed bill on settlements from End the Occupation – the bill is an excellent fact sheet on settlements and US policy: <https://org.salsalabs.com/o/641/images/Proposed%20Legislation%20-%20Israeli%20Settlements%20Are%20Illegal%20Act%20of%202015.pdf>
- Peace Now Settlement Watch Project: <http://peacenow.org.il/eng/content/reports>
- Americans for Peace Now: “Settlements 101” <https://youtu.be/plwRFclEQQc>
- Understanding Settlements: watch Chapter 2 from video accompanying Steadfast Hope study: http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=184

Resources for congregational study:

- A Palestinian Christian theology of hope—*Faith in the Face of Empire, the Bible Through Palestinian Eyes* by Mitri Raheb, pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. Study guide: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0Bys2BYQS55XIVTh5dkhHVVIIRjg/edit>
- Kairos Palestine: A Moment of Truth— <http://kairospalestine.ps> ; study guide: included in this packet
- Films—
 - *The Stones Cry Out* - the story of Christians in the Holy Land <http://www.thestonescryoutmovie.com>
 - *My Neighborhood* - settlers force an East Jerusalem family to give up half their home <http://www.justvision.org/myneighbourhood/watch>
 - *Home Front* - four 8-minute vignettes about the settlement expansion in East Jerusalem with study guide <http://www.justvision.org/homefront>
 - *Budrus* - Palestinian village organizes non-violent protests against the wall being built on their land <http://www.justvision.org/budrus>
 - Breaking the Silence, Guided Tour in Hebron: <http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/media/94776>
- Books for discussion—
 - *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan, *My Happiness Bears No Relationship to Happiness* by Adina Hoffman or *Blood Brothers* by Elias Chacour are good starter books, stories of Palestinian and Israeli families
- Invite speakers—contact Peace Not Walls members***
- Study guides— from the Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church USA
 - *Steadfast Hope*—history (including Jewish and Palestinian narratives), the occupation and how we can respond <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/component/content/article/5/3-steadfast-hope>
 - *Zionism Unsettled*—a study of the Zionist ideology/theology that underpins the settlement movement, as well as Christian Zionism and Muslim and Christian Palestinian views – <http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/component/content/article/70/256-zionism-unsettled>
- Travel—plan a trip with your pastor; for help, contact Jan Miller: millerjan68@gmail.com

ACTION

Organizations and action alerts:

- ELCA advocacy: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy>
- Letter from Bishop Eaton, Oct, 2014: http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA_Letter_to_President_Obama_on_Israel_and_Palestine.pdf?_ga=1.26932221.1735657938.1430885052
- Palestine Connection, the action alert and event email list for Peace Not Walls Rocky Mountain Synod: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/palestine-connection>
- End the Occupation: <http://endtheoccupation.org>
- Sample letter to elected officials included in this packet of materials

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