

Christians and Muslims in the Holy Land

A pilgrimage - June 22 - July 3, 2012

The people of Bethlehem say there are three books of the Bible: first, the words themselves. Second is the land. Without coming to know the land, much of the Word is lost. But the third book may be the most important. It is the people of the book, and of the land. Without these three, they say, you cannot really know the Word of God.

Holston's Muslim Outreach Team (MOT) is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to experience not only the living Word, but the land and the people. It will be an experience that changes you forever.



What will be different about this pilgrimage? Like other tours, ours will take us to the places where Jesus walked: Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, Nazareth, Capernaum, and Bethlehem, as well as to Masada and Qumran.

But we will also go where Holy Land tours rarely venture. We will go deep into the Muslim city of Hebron, the final resting place for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We will visit with Muslims in Hebron, where today's Arab-Israeli conflict is most evident, and in Bethlehem with local Christians, Jews and Muslims.



We will be staying at Bethlehem Bible College, an Evangelical institution located in the heart of a predominantly Muslim community. Here we will meet Alex Awad, a Palestinian Evangelical Christian leader, graduate of Asbury Seminary, and ordained minister of the United Methodist Church.

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Itinerary

Friday, June 22:

Travel from United States to Israel

Saturday, June 23:

Travel to Bethlehem Bible College.

Sunday, June 24:

Bethlehem: Manger Square, Shepherd's Fields, Separation Wall

Monday, June 25:

Jerusalem, Old City, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Tuesday, June 26:

Hebron: Abraham's tomb, Jewish Settlements. Dinner with an Imam & Muslim believers

Wednesday, June 27:

Beit Ummar, Womens' Cooperative. Spend the night with local family.

Thursday, June 28:

Volunteer Day: spend the day working with Muslim farmers.

Friday, June 29:

Masada, Qumran, and the Dead Sea

Saturday, June 30:

Ramallah: government leaders, Christian witness

Sunday, July 1:

Modern Jerusalem: worshipping with messianic Jews and Palestinian Christians

Monday, July 2:

Tiberias, Nazareth, Capernaum, Tabgha, Sea of Galilee

Tuesday, July 3:

Return to Tel Aviv & fly home

-itinerary subject to change-

The Faculty:

Bruce and Emy P: For years Bruce and Emy have served Holston Conference in far-off places like Kazakhstan and Turkey. They will join us for this pilgrimage and lead us to an understanding how we can love our Muslim neighbors.

Steven D. Martin: Steve has been a clergy member of Holston for 23 years and has traveled to Israel and the Palestinian territories four times. His most recent journeys took him to Bethlehem where he worked with researchers to study the shift Palestinian leaders are making toward non-violence.

John Harris: John lives in Pasadena, California, and has worked with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Hebron for the past five summers. A thoroughly Christ-centered leader, John is among a growing number of Evangelicals who recognize that the Bible's call for both evangelism and social justice are inseparable. John's parents are also graduates of Asbury Seminary, and served in the denominations that eventually became the United Methodist Church. John will be our guide and primary resource for this pilgrimage.



The Details:

The cost of this pilgrimage will be \$1850 plus airfare. This price is inclusive of lodging, breakfast & dinner, and transportation. A non-refundable deposit of \$650 will be due by February 28, 2012 to secure your place on the trip. You will be responsible for booking your own air travel, but we can help you find the best deals and schedules. **The pilgrimage is limited to twenty participants, so please let us know of your interest as soon as you can.**

Each day will include prayer, group reflection, and educational content. Accommodations at Bethlehem Bible College are modest but comfortable.

Continuing education credit will be available.

Join us for the
journey of a
lifetime.

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