

Introduction to Peace Not Walls ***Learning about Worship Resources***



Lutheran sisters and brothers in the Holy Land have asked for our prayers. Here are some ways to incorporate prayer for peace with justice into worship in your congregation.

Start at the *Peace Not Walls* home page; click on **Resources→Worship** - <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/Resources/Worship.aspx>

Each synod received a set of communion ware as the ELCA launched the *Peace Not Walls* campaign. Find the link to “Communion Ware” on **Resources→Worship** - <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/Resources/Worship/Communion-Ware.aspx> - for helpful resources for worship.

Click on **Prayer** - <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/Resources/Worship/Prayer.aspx> - to find litanies, interfaith prayers, and much more, including information on the Ecumenical Prayer Vigil.

Another place to look is on the **Our Companions** page: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/Our-Companions.aspx>

From the home page of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, go to “Resources” and “Prayer and Worship” <http://www.elcjh.org/resources/worship/>

Finally, check out the resources of *Churches for Middle East Peace*, a coalition of 23 public policy offices of national churches and agencies (Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant) that maintains an on-going dialogue with Congress, the Administration and the diplomatic community. CMEP, a strong partner of ELCA and *Peace Not Walls*, has worship resources at <http://www.cmep.org/Statements/home.htm> and <http://www.cmep.org/SharedJER/Resource.htm>



Peace Not Walls Travel and explore

Visiting the Holy Land is an important way to accompany people of peace in the region. To learn more go to the **What We Do** page and click on “Travel” <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/What-We-Do/Travel.aspx>

Imagine what it might be like to visit the Holy Land by reading the detailed travel guide at <http://www.elca.org/peacenotwalls/downloadable/holylandvisit.pdf>, and visiting the trip reports at **What We Do**→**Travel**→**Trip Reports and Advice** - <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/What-We-Do/Travel/Trip-Reports-and-Advice.aspx>.

Explore the world of Islam and learn about our inter-religious partners in the struggle for peace at the *Peace Not Walls* **Our Companions** page <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/Our-Partners/Interreligious.aspx>

See the downloadable guide to Lutheran-Jewish and Lutheran-Muslim relations, “Windows to Understanding” <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Ecumenical-and-Inter-Religious-Relations/Inter-Religious-Relations.aspx>

Read the very last question in section D of the *Peace Not Walls* FAQ sheet, dealing with travel in the Middle East <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/What-We-Do/FAQs.aspx>

Take a closer look at the problems posed by Christian Zionism. View the last section of the video, “Peace Not Walls: Making a Difference in the Holy Land,” (<http://www.elca.org/peacenotwalls/educate/2008video.html>) Called “Working with People of Other Faiths.” Use the corresponding portion of the discussion guide to the video. (At the *Peace Not Walls* web site, find the question in section two of the FAQ sheet: How is the Lutheran approach to Israel and Palestine different from that of Christian Zionism? <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/What-We-Do/FAQs.aspx>

Look for further resources on Christian Zionism in the May 2007 issue of the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Journal-of-Lutheran-Ethics/Issues/May-2007.aspx>, and on the *Peace Not Walls* website, at **Background**→**Major Issues**→**Christian Zionism** - <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/Background/Issues/Christian-Zionism.aspx>.

Consider planning your own synod or congregational Holy Land pilgrimage by consulting the many resources posted at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/What-We-Do/Travel.aspx>. See especially the detailed planning guide and sample itinerary posted with the St. Luke’s trip report at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/What-We-Do/Travel/Trip-Reports-and-Advice/St,-p,-Luke-Trip.aspx>.

