

ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Feb. 25–March 9, 2018



LISTENING TO PALESTINIAN VOICES

The Rev. Cathy Brall (Director of Field Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), the Rev. Todd Leach (mission pastor, Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh), and Dr. Bob Ross (Associate Professor of Global Cultural Studies at Point Park University, Pittsburgh) will lead PTS students and congregation mission leaders to listen to Palestinians (Christians, Muslims, and others): how they understand the history and current reality of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and how it affects their lives; the reasons for most Palestinians long-standing commitment to non-violent resistance

despite 50 years of Israeli occupation and, for many, 70 years of exile and inequality; and what Palestinian Christians ask of U.S. Christians given their recent, public calls for solidarity and the unique U.S.-Israel relationship. The group will visit Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and other sites.

EXPECTATIONS

1. Participate fully in every aspect of the trip, including:
 - Orientation Meetings—Dec. 16, 2017 and Jan. 27, 2018
 - Additional group orientation to be determined by trip leader
 - Post trip Debriefing Meeting—March 24, 2018
2. Prepare yourself by prayer, reading provided materials, and learning some basic language phrases
3. Keep a journal before and during your trip.
4. Share your experiences with others when you return.

FINANCES

The cost of this trip is \$2,900 per person. This covers airfare, food, hotels, transportation, admissions, and tips during the trip. World Mission Initiative will provide a scholarship of up to \$1,000 for PTS students. All participants are encouraged to seek additional financial and prayer support from their church, family, and friends. Students may also apply for the WMI Shortridge Scholarship. Additional scholarships are available for PCUSA students, if needed.

APPLICATION

Go to www.pts.edu/wmi to complete an online application. Your \$200 deposit to reserve your place on the trip can be submitted online or by check to the WMI Office. Please bring your completed and signed medical/signature form (available for printing on the website) to the WMI office, 225 McNaugher, or mail it to World Mission Initiative, 616 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15206. **The application deadline is Oct. 16, 2017.** An additional \$500 is due by Dec. 16. The full balance of the \$2,900, or a written payment plan, is due by Jan. 31st.

ACADEMIC CREDIT

This experiential learning opportunity is offered in conjunction with a PTS course on justice and mission being taught in Term III. PTS students who apply for this trip should also plan to enroll in this course (more details forthcoming).

QUESTIONS

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