

# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND...

*With your gift to meet the urgent needs of children and adults served by Lutheran ministries*

In a land marked by conflict and violence, Lutherans are faithfully working for peace. Palestinian Lutherans work to heal people victimized by war, initiate dialogue among Christians, Jews and Muslims, and educate young people to be leaders for the future. Our ELCA generously supports these ministries. But prolonged conflict means increasing needs for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jerusalem. Our ELCA generously supports these ministries, but your additional support will help the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jerusalem meet increasing needs as conflict continues. There are three ways you can help.

## 1. SUPPORT THE ELCJ IN ITS WORK FOR PEACE

Unpredictable violence. Curfews that keep parishioners from work and worship and prevent children from attending school. Damage to schools and churches. Still, Lutherans in Palestine continue to work for peace. "We are trying to be apostles of love in our area," says ELCJ Bishop Munib Younan. Years of conflict have driven many Christians from the Holy Land. But the Lutherans who remain draw strength from Christ's Word and Sacrament and the church's steadfast education, youth and family ministries.

**Your support is needed for this important work, as well as the ELCJ's ecumenical and interfaith efforts to bring peace, justice and reconciliation to a land in conflict.**

1. To give to the Lutheran church's work for peace in Palestine, write a check payable to the ELCA, with the words "ELCJ church work" and "Level II" on the memo portion of the check. Send to ELCA Division for Global Mission, Attn: The Rev. David P. Lerseth, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631. For more information, contact Rev. Lerseth at 800-638-3522, ext. 2641 or [Dlerseth@elca.org](mailto:Dlerseth@elca.org).



## 2. MEET THE EMERGENCY NEED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The five Lutheran schools in Palestine are havens of safety, acceptance, and learning for approximately 3,000 Christian and Muslim students. The ELCJ's innovative peace education curriculum teaches students to see the image of God in one another.

But ongoing conflict prevents many parents from getting to their jobs. With unemployment on the West Bank at 70 percent or higher, the church provides the tuition for an increasing number of needy students.

**Your support of the ELCJ Scholarship Program helps keep Palestinian children in school, where they can continue to grow educationally, spiritually and socially. Support the schools today through an immediate gift to the annual fund.**

## 3. ENSURE THE FUTURE OF PALESTINIAN LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

The ELCA and Lutheran churches around the world are joining together to create a permanent endowment fund for ELCJ schools. **Your gift to the ELCJ Scholarship Endowment Fund will support the future of children in the cradle of Christianity.**

Your lawyer is free to use these words in your will/bequest: "the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, c/o The ELCA Foundation, located at 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, Illinois 60631, for the ELCJ Scholarship Endowment Fund."

**2.** Make an immediate gift to the Scholarship Annual Fund by writing a check payable to the ELCA, designating your gift to ELCJ Scholarships Level II, and send to: ELCA Division for Global Mission, Attn: The Rev. David P. Lerseth, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631, 800-638-3522, ext. 2641. You may also make a gift (for \$50 or more) with your credit card through the Foundation website at [www.elca.org/fo/creditcardform1.html](http://www.elca.org/fo/creditcardform1.html). Direct questions to [Dlerseth@elca.org](mailto:Dlerseth@elca.org).

**3.** Ensure the future of ELCJ schools by sending your gift to the permanent ELCJ School Scholarship Endowment. Ways to give include: cash, appreciated stock, life insurance, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts, real estate, retirement funds, and wills and bequests. For assistance with your gift to the endowment through a will/bequest or a charitable gift annuity, call the ELCA Foundation at 800-638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit the website at [www.elca.org/fo](http://www.elca.org/fo) for the name of an ELCA Regional Gift Planner nearest you.



For more information on the church's work in Palestine visit [www.elca.org/dgm/steward/palestine.html](http://www.elca.org/dgm/steward/palestine.html)