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Dear Synod Colleagues:

Thanks again for being willing to raise awareness about Middle East peace issues at your synod assembly.

Your packet includes:

- a 28-minute DVD* “Peace Not Walls: Making a Difference in the Holy Land”
- Updated flier: “Many Walls Stand in the Way of Peace”
- *Peace Not Walls* bookmarks, with graphic by Palestinian Christian artist
- a few copies of Middle East peace Web resource and news source lists you may duplicate for packets or use as handouts in a display area
- ELCA Equipping for Peacemaking Network handouts
- Posters and fliers about the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Israel and Palestine

* The DVD contains this bonus material:

- Discussion guide for “Peace Not Walls: Making a Difference in the Holy Land” [PDF]
- Updated “Forbidden Family” video and discussion guide [PDF]
- 2007 synod assembly two-minute video (elca.org/peacenotwalls/wall/forbidden_clip.html)
- Updated “Forbidden Family” video and discussion guide [PDF]
- “The Holy Land: Recent History and the Quest for Peace” [PowerPoint with script and user guide]

We hope you will be able to provide a table display to encourage more discussion and involvement. Besides the materials in this packet, you may download and duplicate more resources noted on the enclosed Web site list. If you have questions about materials or logistics, please e-mail or phone Marie (Mia) Cortez at marie.cortez@elca.org or 773-380-2642 (or use 800-638-3522 and ext 2642).

In addition, you may download and use (in the assembly program or synod newsletter) the Peace Not Walls *Learn Pray Act* promotional blurb at: elca.org/advocacy/images/pnwadbw2.tif

Please also promote and distribute these online resources:

- newly-expanded Peace Not Walls FAQs elca.org/peacenotwalls/takeaction/faqs.html
- Peace Not Walls educational resource user guide elca.org/peacenotwalls/educate/user
- Holy Land travel *guide* elca.org/peacenotwalls/downloadable/holylandvisit.pdf

Thank you again for your very valuable contribution to ELCA efforts to bring peace with justice to Israel and Palestine.

Sincerely,

Carol Schersten LaHurd, Coordinator of Peace Not Walls