



American Friends *of the*
Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
Building Presence – Building Peace

PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

These tools improve with your input. Share what's worked for you and what hasn't. We'll distribute updates as we can.

STUDY and AWARENESS

1. Many are not aware of Christian history in the region, or the desperate conditions that Palestinians Christians face every day. Review *Resource* section of this kit and become knowledgeable about the issues so you can.....
2. Share your enthusiasm and experience with family, friends and colleagues.
3. Plan and lead a forum in your parish, deanery, or inter-parish counsel to tell the story using the DVD that is included in this Tool Kit.
4. Create a study circle to become more familiar with the history and theology of the Holy Land. Choose from history of the region, policy issues, peace and justice studies, comparative religious studies, humanitarian aid, or present each area as part of a series.
5. Speak to your vestry, outreach committee, Sunday School teachers about concrete steps they can take to become financial donors and/or create companion relationships. See some *Action* steps below.
6. Have you been to Jerusalem? Write an article about the work of Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for your parish and/or diocesan newspaper. Or send an article about your parish's activities to the AFEDJ for inclusion in their newsletter. Do you have pictures to share?
7. Share the reflections included in the kit with your parish's Bible Study group, EFM or DOCC group. Include them in your newsletter or post them on your website. Those who have visited the Holy Land may have your own reflections. Send them to AFEDJ and we'll include them in our website and in an update to this kit.
8. Create a booth at your diocesan convention that catches the eye of browsers and engage them in a discussion about AFEDJ. We can help with displays, pictures and brochures. Let us know if you plan a Convention booth. Other Missioners from your Diocese may be happy to help and we can coordinate.

9. Target a Sunday for preaching, for example Advent II, which is designated AFEDJ Sunday. We can provide brochures and envelopes.
10. Include the Palestinian Christians in the Prayers of the People and mention Bishop Suheil Dawani by name.
11. Advertise the website of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem -- www.j-diocese.org — and encourage others to log on and learn. They publish a monthly newsletter which provides a real glimpse of the issues facing the Diocese.
12. Encourage people to log on the website for AFEDJ - www.americanfriends-jerusalem.org.

MAKE CONNECTIONS

As a Missioner, help individuals and groups identify how they can get others involved in the AFEDJ ministry. Some are drawn to support ministries that focus on medical or on educational needs for children. To target a particular interest:

1. Review the AFEDJ newsletter to see where there is immediate need. Don't receive it? Contact AFEDJ at aklynn@americanfriends-jerusalem.org
2. For more information on Missioners and their activities, or if you just need support, contact the Rev. Charles Cloughen, Jr.
PO Box 313
Hunt Valley, MD 21030
Frcharles@verizon.net
He's our Missioner Advisor and will help find support and resources.
3. Network with Missioners in your diocese. Check the list of Missioners included here. You may know some and even if you don't, reaching out to them will be welcomed.