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2011 Results

Thanks to you

Happy New Year - a little late! We wanted to share good news about 2011 results which will help so many in the Diocese of Jerusalem. Thank you for the important support each of you contributed to this important work.

AFEDJ had a record year thanks to your abundant generosity. In 2011, we provided almost \$600,000 to the Diocese of Jerusalem to do the work you have given us to do: educate, heal and improve lives in a uniquely conflicted part of the world. The



Arab Evangelical School in Ramallah, the Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children in East

Jerusalem and Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza were the principal recipients, with St. Andrew's Clinic and the Bishop's Discretionary Fund close behind.

As a result, you provided more scholarships, more physical therapy and more hope. Thank you doesn't begin to express the gratitude we feel

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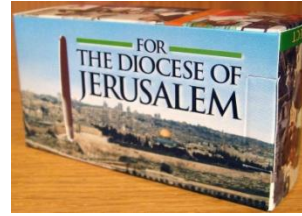
toward donors, pilgrims and those who pray for this work. A dwindling number of Christians struggle daily to maintain a presence in the Holy Land, to carry the legacy forward with quiet heroism in the face of overwhelming odds. With Jesus, hope was born in this land. It's our job to keep it alive.

AFEDJ experienced substantial increases in both revenue and number of donors with increases in individual, congregational and institutional support. St. Nicholas Day was celebrated by more people, we increased the number of Missioner volunteers helping us locally across the country and we distributed educational materials at significantly more conventions and events.

All that only matters if your gifts get to those who need them. AFEDJ does that. The life of the Church is linked with the life of her people. You made sure that Iman has books in Braille that Simone can learn to walk, that Yousef can find a job. We'll share more stories in the next few months, each one guaranteed to touch your heart. In this time of Epiphany, of revelation and insight, pray for peace and for an end to the physical suffering and emotional isolation. Thank you again and again for your commitment to our brothers and sisters.

-- Anne K. Lynn,

Executive Director



Don't forget to order **MITE BOXES** for Lent. We charge only the cost of shipping and handling, \$10, no matter how many you need. Order from adelavis@afedj.org. Connect your congregation with the Holy Land this Lent and insure stability and sustainability for the Christians in this volatile place.

News, Trips and Activities



Church of the Holy Sepulchre Saturday

The World Council of Churches invites you to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **THIS WEEK**. An ecumenical effort in Jerusalem included Compline led by Greek Orthodox clergy at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and a prayer service on Sunday at St. George's Cathedral. Lutherans and many other denominations are participating, and we hope you will as well in your hearts.

St. George's College in Jerusalem offers courses which include travel in the Holy Land plus classroom studies. Lodging is included. Check their website for the full course listing. Courses coming up: Palestine of Jesus, **March 14 - 27**, Risen With Christ, **April 11 - 18** (Orthodox Easter is April 15), St. Paul and the Early Church, **May 1 - 14** and Palestine of Jesus again **May 23 - June 5**. A Youth Course will be offered in July. Visit www.sgcjerusalem.org or click the link in the right hand column above. Costs range from \$2400 to \$3000 with a

few higher which include more travel.

March 16 - 17, Sabeel will be hosting a conference in Sacramento at the First Methodist Church on 21st Street. Naim Ateek will speak. For more information, contact sabeelsacramento@gmail.com. Or register online at www.fosna.org

March 24 Bishop Suheil Dawani will be the guest of honor at a luncheon in Los Angeles to benefit the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem. At the California Club. For an invitation, contact eileenwhiteread@gmail.com.

March 28 Bishop Suheil Dawani will be the guest of honor at an AFEDJ dinner in New York City to benefit the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem. To receive an invitation, contact adelavis@afedj.org

May 18 - June 2 Rev. Craig Hunter, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Denton, Texas, will lead a pilgrimage through the Holy Land with special emphasis on meeting local Christians. Cost is \$3700 which includes airfare. Contact him at craig@tpcdenton.org.

July 5-12 Are you planning to attend General Convention in Indianapolis? AFEDJ will have a booth and will host Bishop Suheil Dawani at a reception and speaking engagement. Want to help? We'd love to have you join us. Contact aklynn@afedj.org.



AFEDJ is an independent, non-political 501c3 which helps sustain the humanitarian institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem -- 14 schools, 2 hospitals, 4 outpatient clinics, 4 institutes for the disabled plus homes for orphans, the elderly and pilgrims. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Diocesan institutions foster mutual respect and tolerance in a land torn by turmoil and poverty. Learn more about the work of AFEDJ or the Diocese of Jerusalem. Visit the AFEDJ website at www.afedj.org to learn about or contribute to any of the important work which sustains the Christian community.