

Purpose Statement

Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem

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Vision

To engage the world Methodist family in Christ's ministry of peace, justice, truth, and mercy among all peoples living in this land in partnership with the Palestinian Christian community.

Mission

The Methodist Liaison Office will, in the Wesleyan tradition,

- . Resource the world Methodist family for informed active engagement and advocacy,
- . Connect with local initiatives supported by Methodist and ecumenical partners,
- . Encourage and facilitate theological reflection and dialogue,
- . Facilitate visits for pilgrims and volunteers to experience and be transformed.

Context

The Methodist family, through the World Council of Churches, maintains a tradition of ecumenism, supporting the ministries of the historic churches in this region. The Methodist presence is also building interfaith relations with Jewish and Muslim communities.

Methodists from around the world, particularly those who visit the region, are increasingly aware of the political realities affecting Palestinians and Israelis. Methodists have heard the call of the indigenous Christian community as outlined in the Kairos Palestine document.

The Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem is a partnership of the World Methodist Council, the Methodist Church of Britain and the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church.