



Witness the Holy Land with New Eyes

The decades-old conflict and dispossession of the Palestinian people is often politicized and distorted. A trip to Palestine can clear misconceptions and reveal a pathway toward peace and justice.

If you're interested in meeting the people of the Holy Land, seeing the realities on the ground, and coming back inspired to make a difference, FOSNA can help you plan a trip. Our panel of witness trip leaders have been traveling to Palestine and Israel for years and know how to navigate the roadblocks, both physical and bureaucratic.

We'll make sure you see the real story. You can meet with Palestinians and Jewish Israelis engaged in nonviolent resistance, visit refugee camps, experience life under occupation, and view environmental degradation. You can also tour Hebron and other communities suffering from encroaching Israeli settlements. Your trip can include historical and religious sites such as Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Jordan River.

Whether you're traveling alone or want to organize a witness trip for a group, we can help you design and achieve a visit that caters to your interests and needs.

Contact Linda Kateeb at 708-207-6272 or at tripcoordinator@fosna.org.

Our Witness Trip Advisors

Robert Assaly

From 1992 to 1995, Assaly directed the Middle East Council of Jerusalem (including Ecumenical Travel) and was the Anglican vicar of Gaza. Assaly has chaired Canadian Friends of Sabeel since its founding nearly 20 years ago and currently works on authentic Christian pilgrimage initiatives.

Kathy Bergen

In Jerusalem for nearly 25 years, Bergen has directed various international committees and has coordinated AFSC's National Middle East Peacebuilding in Pennsylvania and Friends International Center in Ramallah. She is on the board of Canadian Friends of Sabeel.

Rev. Ann Coburn

Coburn has been involved in alternative travel groups for women, Episcopalians, and groups interested in learning more about the Palestinian narrative. Her two most recent trips have included stays in Gaza.

Dr. Hassan Fouda

From 2002 to 2013, Fouda co-organized and co-led 10 fact-finding delegations to Palestine and Israel. He has also visited all the neighboring countries, meeting and interviewing many government officials, opposition leaders, and opinion makers.

Dr. Linda Kateeb

Kateeb has made eight trips to Palestine and Israel—her first in 1975—and helped organize and lead five of them, incorporating pre- and post-trip learning surveys.

Dr. Joy Lapp

Lapp serves on the steering committee of the Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN) and has been leading witness trips to Palestine and Israel since 2007.

Dr. L. Michael Spath

Spath has led 13 trips to Palestine and Israel in the last 15 years, meeting with Jewish, Christian, and Muslim leaders of organizations involved in justice advocacy and/or peacemaking.

The Rev. Robert Tobin and Maurine Tobin

The Tobins have led 24 witness trips to show participants facts on the ground in East Jerusalem and the West Bank as well as the restrictions placed on Palestinian citizens of Israel.

Rev. Canon Richard Toll

A retired Episcopal priest, Toll's first trip to Palestine and Israel was in 1983, when there were no walls and Palestinians had freedom of movement. Since then he has led a number of groups.

Rev. Dr. Don Wagner

Wagner, formerly the national program director of FOSNA and presently a consultant on FOSNA theology, has organized and led trips to Palestine and Israel annually since 1979, using reflective readings and experiential learning to deepen connections with grassroots leaders of popular resistance.