

Partnership Opportunities Spring 2007

Presbytery of Ohio Valley and International Center of Bethlehem

Travel - Provide Scholarships - Send Hearing Aids - Support Middle East Council of Churches - Fund Pianos - Invite Speakers - Pray

APRIL 2007 SIGN UP TODAY

Go to Bethlehem in November 2007! The Presbytery of Ohio Valley is offering a second trip to Bethlehem, November 7-16, 2007. Travelers will stay at the Guesthouse of the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB) and will explore the work of the ICB. The work includes Dar Al-Kalima K-12 school for 250 Muslim and Christian Children, a Health and Wellness Clinic, Audiology work that sees 5000 patients a year, services to the elderly, Dal Al-Kalima College. Travelers will have time with these programs and people to see if there appear to be additional Partnership Possibilities.

The trip also includes two day trips to Jerusalem, visits to Shepherd's Field and the Church of the Nativity, an optional day trip to Masada. The cost is \$2275.00, including flights, housing, meals, guides. Full itinerary available on POVPC website or from Jo Lucas, jo_lucas@comcast.net or groups@gtd.org.

Prepare your heart for Christmas. Come to Bethlehem in November!

PCUSA REQUEST FOR A WEEK OF PRAYER AND WITNESS

The 217th General Assembly called on congregations to set aside a week of prayer and witness centered around seven countries in the Middle East. The requested dates are between April 8 and May 27, 2007.

This request offers POV the opportunity to focus on work we are doing there and to lift up the Bethlehem Work. If your congregation plans to participate, there are those among us who would be able and honored to be with your congregation on the Sunday you choose. We can teach, speak, announce, whatever the need of your congregation. Here is contact information on several of us who do not have regular Sunday jobs.

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Pick a Sunday and Join! First Church, Columbus, on April 29, will have June Rogers preaching, music provided by students from the Middle East - studying at IU, litany and service form from PCUSA, liturgical response and prayers in english and aramaic.

PRAY

One of the tenets of the Partnership is to pray for the Presbytery of Ohio Valley and the International Center of Bethlehem. There are those among us who pray daily and by name for the Bethlehem Travelers and the work of the POV and the ICB.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE