



... love one another as I have loved you
John 13.12

Israel/Palestine Mission Network Highlights

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Steering Committee met January 7

Happy New Year! May 2010 lead towards peace with justice for Palestinians and around the world!

After a little more than a month without a shower of emails each day, your Steering Committee was back at work early in the new year. We took action or had discussion about the following:

General Assembly Preparations

We are actively at work preparing education opportunities for commissioners and visitors, reviewing overtures already submitted to the Office of the General Assembly for those pertinent to IPMN work, thinking about advocacy work with the committee assigned to our issues and then for plenary sessions.

If you will be attending the General Assembly (July 2-9 in Minneapolis), please let us know if you can help in our IPMN booth in the exhibit hall or in other areas. Contact moderator Carol Hylkema with the dates you will be available. Join the very active IPMN team at the GA.

Steadfast Hope Campaign

At the time of our meeting, we have \$31,250 pledged toward our goal of \$45,000 in our current financial campaign. Just over \$20,000 has been received thus far. Your gift is welcomed at all times. If you have not yet received a formal invitation to participate in this campaign, contact Carol Hylkema or send gift with "Steadfast Hope" notation to address below.

Steadfast Hope Second Printing



Available
Soon

Nearly 5000 copies of *Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace* have been circulating since mid July.

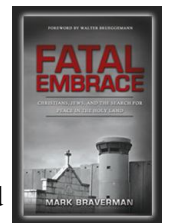
Many copies have been purchased by other denomination and partner organizations. Members and friends of IPMN have been leading studies and selling the books all over the country. By the end of January, we should have another 5000 copies avail-

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able through the Presbyterian Distribution Center. The new printing will include an insert which further discusses the issues of genealogy and a copy of the Kairos document which came from Palestinians in early December.

Braverman Book Tour

We are very excited that Mark Braverman, Jewish advocate for just peace in Palestine, will be making several stops promoting his new book, *Fatal Embrace*. Stops in Newark Presbytery/Princeton Seminary, Chicago and Atlanta are on the schedule. Contact Walt Davis (waltandlibby@comcast.net) to make arrangements for Mark to come to your area.



Code Pink - Gaza Freedom March



We hope you followed the numerous blogs from those who participated in the Gaza Freedom March late in December. You know that most of the 1300+ folks from across the world were unsuccessful in reaching Gaza due to Egyptian denial of access. Those participating wrote a document called "The Cairo Document" which will be posted on the IPMN web page.

Presbyterian Panel Survey

From late August into October, PC(USA) Research Services conducted their most recent Presbyterian Panel. The primary topics are the Belhar Confession and the Middle East and Israel/Palestine and the PC (USA). You will be able to see the results of this panel at www.pcusa.org/research in the next week or so.

Gifts to Israel/Palestine Mission Network

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