



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

Israel/Palestine Mission Network Highlights

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Steering Committee met February 10

Your IPMN Steering Committee met earlier this week via its regularly scheduled conference call. We continue to be extremely concerned about the dire situation in Gaza and to pray for the work of former Senator George Mitchell as he works to encourage serious negotiation towards justice for all in Israel/Palestine.

Amongst our topics of discussion at this meeting, the following need to be highlighted for you:

- **The fall 2009 IPMN meeting will be held October 20-22 in Cincinnati.** This meeting will be in conjunction with the World Mission Conference being held October 22-24 in the same place. Please put these dates on your calendar for the IPMN meeting in particular but for the mission conference as well if you are able.

The IPMN meeting will begin at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, October 20 and will end at noon on Thursday, October 22. We will meet at the downtown Hyatt Hotel in Cincinnati. Planning is just underway. More details as we can share them.

The World Mission Conference will bring together members of all of the PC(USA) mission networks, mission co-workers and mission-minded church members. We will share information on this conference when we know more.

- As of this date, our **Half Again Campaign** has \$23,475.00 pledged though not all received. Your gifts to support projects in I/P and the operation of IPMN will be gratefully received. If you have already pledged/given, we thank you. If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider your 2009 gift. All gifts can be sent to the address below with the notation of "Half Again."
- Other gifts to IPMN can also be directed to the address below.
- **The IPMN letter to then president-elect Obama ap-**

peared in the February 9 issue of *The Presbyterian Outlook*. The letter sent to Obama had over 400 Presbyterian signatures. Check it out.

- **Our IPMN web site (www.IsraelPalestineMissionNetwork.org)** is undergoing renovation. Our thanks to Marthame Sanders, Pauline Coffman and the Web Site Committee for their hard work in giving us a more user friendly page to share our important work and resources.
- Now that the over abundance of emails on the Yahoo Group have slowed down to many fewer each day, we encourage you to check out our new **IPMN Blogspot (<http://myipmn.blogspot.com/>)** We hope this will become our vehicle for the posting of articles and videos and then comment from many of you. It is easy to sign up and use.
- **The Committee to Prepare a Comprehensive Study Focused on Israel/Palestine (reporting to the 2010 GA) has just recently been appointed by GA Moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow and past moderators Joan Gray and Rick Ufford-Chase.** The following are the appointed members, with several having connections to IPMN: Rev. Dr. Susan Andrews (Hudson River); Elder Dr. Frederic Bush (Los Ranchos); Elder Dr. Nahida Gordon (Muskingum Valley); Rev. Dr. John Huffman (Los Ranchos); Elder Lucy Janjigian (Palisades); Rev. Rebecca Reyes (New Hope); Rev. Marthame Sanders (Greater Atlanta); Rev. Dr. Ronald Shive (Salem) as chair; Rev. Dr. John Wimberly (National Capital). Please keep this committee in your prayers as they get underway in their work.

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