



... love one another as I have loved you  
John 13:12

# Israel/Palestine Mission Network Highlights

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## Steering Committee met September 1

### ANNUAL IPMN MEETING

Have you made your plans to attend the IPMN annual meeting yet? This meeting, to be held in Ft. Thomas, KY (Cincinnati Presbytery), will be October 20-22 at the First Presbyterian Church. We want you and those who care about the mission of IPMN there!

**Registration** forms and your check should be to Polly Johnson, registrar, by **October 1** so we can complete our planning for you.

**Hotel reservations** need to be completed by **October 1** as well. After this date, rooms may not be available at our hotel.

If you did not receive your invitation or need more forms for friends or colleagues, please contact registrar Polly at [phj5@insightbb.com](mailto:phj5@insightbb.com).

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN FT. THOMAS?

- Worship, committee business, plenary sessions
- Celebration of fund raising
- Election of leaders; slate of nominees to be presented before the meeting. If you want to suggest someone for leadership, please contact Sarah Humphrey at [answer-tohunger@bellsouth.net](mailto:answer-tohunger@bellsouth.net).
- Resources: If you have had a special event, gone on a trip to I/P, have a new book to recommend, etc. bring the info with you to the resource table.
- Sales of Pal Craftaid and Import Peace inventory.
- Special guests: Mark Braverman, executive director of the Holy Land Education and Peacebuilding Project,

and Linda Mansour-Ismail, member of the National Lawyers Guild delegation to Gaza in early 2009.

- IPMN business: Goals for the next couple years, plans for the 2010 GA, approval of new bylaws and a budget for next year.

**Looking forward to seeing you in Ft. Thomas**

We hope you will be able to stay for the **World Mission Conference** to be held immediately after the IPMN annual meeting at the Hyatt Hotel and convention center in downtown Cincinnati. You should have received a flyer about the conference in your IPMN annual meeting envelope. If not, check out [www.pcusa.org/missioncelebration](http://www.pcusa.org/missioncelebration) for details.

### STEADFAST HOPE

If you are willing to be a presbytery “captain” to help distribute/promote *Steadfast Hope*, please contact Walt Davis at [waltandlibby@comcast.net](mailto:waltandlibby@comcast.net). Your help is needed to get this great new resource throughout the church. We do not have captains in many presbyteries. If you can help with finding folks willing to be a captain, contact Walt to see ask where we still need the captains.

### General Assembly—2010

If you have not already put the dates on your calendar, the 2010 General Assembly will be held in Minneapolis from June 3 –10. Many IPMN members will be there to advocate. If you are available to come and help, let us know.

## Preparations for GA

The Advocacy Committee has begun to ponder the topics for potential overtures to the GA.

The Education Committee will begin soon to work on our IPMN booth at the GA.

Much work towards the GA will get underway while we are in Ft. Thomas.

## Prayers

We have recently learned that Alan Villevik, active IPMN member from North Puget Sound Presbytery, had a portion of his leg amputated after a motorcycle accident. Please keep Alan and his spouse Dottie in your prayers as Alan recuperates and makes a lot of adjustments.

If you know of others of IPMN for whom we should be praying, please let us know.

### *Peace, Peace*

In the word of God, we find the Prince of Peace who today walks through the blood and picks his sheep up in his arms, one by one, and takes them home. Then he turns and strides into our church sanctuaries, right down the carpeted aisles, ignoring the blood on his sandals, and stands before the church and says, "Follow me."

We'll be there soon, we answer, just as soon as we finish our quarreling.

"Love one another," says The Prince of Peace, those bloody sandals trying to walk into our hearts.

But the church is terribly busy with its own quarreling.

No, there is no sanctuary, for those who preach peace. But those who preach peace know we do not have to apologize for preaching peace in the church of Jesus Christ.

Peace, peace, there is no peace.

The world shakes its head at protest and prayer. "Dreamers!"

They scream again, but those who preach peace know that peace is not a dream.

Peace is a promise.

Peace is a promise from the heart of God to our hearts.

Go now in the promise of peace.

Go now knowing that this church and this world belong to the Prince of Peace not matter what.

No matter what.

No matter what, feed his sheep.

No matter what, love one another.

No matter what, preach peace in the assembly of the world and the assembly of the church.

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