



... love one another as I have loved you  
John 15.12

# Israel/Palestine Mission Network Highlights

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## Steering Committee met September 23

The IPMN Steering Committee met for the last time prior to the annual meeting, October 20-22 in Ft. Thomas, KY. From that meeting comes the following information to share.

### ANNUAL MEETING

Registrations have been coming in slowly but steadily. There is still room for YOU but the time for sending in your registration and arranging your hotel room is getting short. We look forward to seeing you there and encourage those who have not yet registered to do so now.

### DIRECTIONS TO FT. THOMAS CHURCH & HOTEL

Our meeting will be held at the **First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Thomas, KY**. You can get directions to the church using Mapquest or Google maps with the following information:

220 South Fort Thomas Avenue; Ft. Thomas, KY 41075  
859/441-8939  
www.ftthomasfirstpres.com

Our block of hotel rooms is at the **Country Inn and Suites** in Wilder, KY. You can get further information at the following:

- 859/441-3707; www.countryinns.com/wilderky
- Ask for "Mission Network" - rate of \$89 + taxes/night

### YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Registrar Polly Johnson will assemble a listing of arrival and departure times so folks can connect at the airport to share rides. Please send your travel arrangements to Polly at phj5@insightbb.com by October 10.

### JUST PEACE/HALF AGAIN CAMPAIGNS

Because of your generous gifts to IPMN, our major fund raising campaigns over the last two years have raised over \$100,000.00 to support projects/programs in Israel/Palestine and the operation of the network. Many thanks to all of you.

At this Steering Committee meeting, \$2500.00 gifts to each were approved and will be sent promptly to the following:

- St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus
- Israeli Committee Against House Demolition
- The Center for Jewish Christian Relations (youth program)
- BT'selem: The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories

Carol Hylkema, Moderator (chylkema@wowway.com)  
Pauline Coffman, Secretary (P.coffman@sbcglobal.net)

### IPMN SLATE OF NOMINEES

The following active members of IPMN have been nominated by the Nominating Committee to stand for election during the annual meeting:

- Will McGarvey - Vice-Moderator (San Francisco Presbytery)
- Polly Johnson - Secretary (Mid-Kentucky Presbytery)
- Don Maclay - Treasurer (Philadelphia Presbytery)
- Carolyn Harris - Membership Coordinator (San Gabriel Presbytery)

Nominations will be accepted from the floor with the permission of the nominee. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee of Sarah Humphrey, David Yeaworth and Donald Gordon.

### LETTER TO MRTI

It is the intention of the Steering Committee to write a letter to the Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) Committee and have it signed over the next several weeks advocating for a MRTI decision to recommend divestment from Caterpillar to the General Assembly Mission Council at its early November meeting. The letter will be delivered to the meeting by representatives of IPMN. Look for your opportunity to sign the letter soon.

### US CAMPAIGN TO END THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION PETITION

Last week, the UN Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict, headed by Justice Richard Goldstone, a former member of the South African Constitutional Court and former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, released a 575-page report documenting violations of human rights and international law, war crimes, and possible crimes against humanity committed before, during, and after Israel's December 2008-January 2009 assault on the occupied Gaza Strip.

The Steering Committee has signed the petition from the End the Occupation campaign on their web page at [www.endtheoccupation.org](http://www.endtheoccupation.org)

### Gifts to Israel/Palestine Mission Network

All individual gifts to IPMN should be sent to the following address using ECO account #E052802 (specific project noted on memo line):

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700