

KEEP HOPE ALIVE

The Olive Tree Campaign

A joint effort of Bay Area Presbyterian Peacemakers and the YMCA of East Jerusalem and the YWCA of Palestine

The olive tree is a source of livelihood and nutrition as well as a symbol of peace, prosperity, and wisdom. In the past seven years the Israeli army has cut down and uprooted over 500,000 olive trees on Palestinian land. In response, the YMCA of East Jerusalem and the YWCA of Palestine have created the Joint Advocacy Initiative to help Palestinian farmers plant new olive trees and harvest their olives in peace and without harassment.

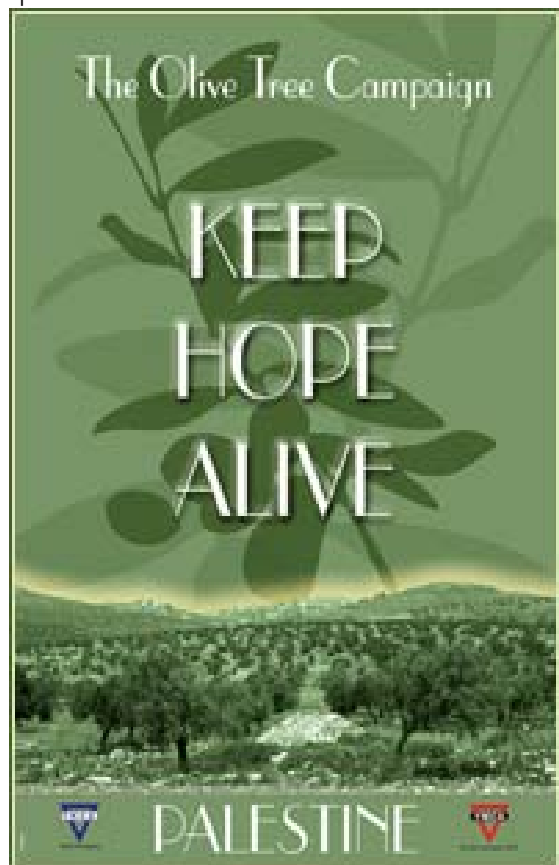
The Peacemaking Committees of the Presbyteries of Redwoods, San Francisco and San Jose are co-sponsoring this project so that we may join with the YMCA and the YWCA who are our historic mission partners in the Middle East, to Keep Hope Alive—hope for an end to the occupation and a just and peaceful settlement to the conflict.

The 3rd annual tree planting mission trip will take place February 2-18, 2010

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Sign up now for the Keep Hope Alive 2010 Tree Planting Trip by contacting Dave and Polly at the above number or e-mail.

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Tentative Itinerary

Tues. Feb 2: Depart to Tel Aviv.

Wed. Feb 3: Arrive Tel Aviv mid afternoon. Take tour bus to Nazareth for lodging.

Thurs, Feb 4: Nazareth—Tour Nazareth in morning; NGO presentations in afternoon/evening.

Fri. Feb 5: Nazareth—Day trip to Megiddo, Illium & Ibillin.

Sat, Feb 6: Bethlehem—Visit Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, and Roman ruin on route to Bethlehem. In Bethlehem meet representatives from the organizing institutions for an overview and discussion of the program.

Sun. Feb 7: Bethlehem—Half day planting olive trees at a selected field. Political tour and sightseeing in Bethlehem, including a refugee camp visit. Dinner followed by screening of a documentary at Jadal / Alternative Information Center (AIC).

Mon. Feb 8: Bethlehem—Half day planting olive trees at a selected field, followed by lunch. Meeting at the Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem (ARIJ) for a presentation on the Apartheid Wall and land.

Tues. Feb 9: Bethlehem—Tour in the Old City of Jerusalem. Lunch, followed by a settlement tour around Jerusalem with the (Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHN).

Wed. Feb 10: Bethlehem—Trip to Ramallah, visit with several NGOs.

Thurs. Feb 11: Bethlehem—A tour in the old city of Hebron. Visit the Ibrahimi Mosque. Meet with the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee (HRC) and Christian Peacemakers Team for a presentation about the situation in Hebron. Lunch. Visit of a glass factory.

Fri. Feb 12: Bethlehem—Full day of planting olive trees at a selected field.

Sat. Feb 13: Bethlehem—Half day of planting olive trees at a selected field. Dinner followed by a presentation on refugee issues with BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugees' Rights.

Sun. Feb 14: Bethlehem—Worship in various churches or half day planting olive trees at a selected field. Lunch. Evaluation meeting with institutions' representatives, followed by a musical evening.

Mon. Feb 15: Jerusalem—Tour Jerusalem (Yad Vashem, Shrine of the Scrolls, etc.); meet with Sabeel and B'Tselem

Tues. Feb 16: Jerusalem—Day trip to Qumran and Masada

Wed. Feb 17: Jerusalem—Day trip to Jericho or to Haifa and Tel Aviv.

Thurs. Feb 18: Depart Tel Aviv mid morning

Approximate cost: \$2700