



Peacebuilding Summit

PALESTINE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

What Christian isn't horrified by the war in Palestine-Israel? Few believers imagine that another round of war in Gaza will bring about a durable and just peace. But what comes *after* a ceasefire?

Many recognize that lasting peace cannot be created by a Western nation or imposed by the international community. But Jesus called peacemakers "children of God" (Matt 5:9). So, can genuine peace come through the Body of Christ?

By God's grace, Christians in the Middle East are already imagining a future as God's beloved community. We want to invite you to platform and accelerate their ministry.

Since October 7th, 2023, according to the United Nations,

- over 41,000 Palestinians and 1,200 Israelis have been reported killed in Gaza and Israel;
- more than 95,000 Palestinians and 5,400 Israelis have been injured;
- 1.9 million people have been displaced from their homes in Gaza.

For the latest figures, see: www.ochaopt.org.

In order to bring together the right global voices, and to foster the flourishing of the new initiatives designed at the summit, a team of international allies has banded together. They include:

- Bethlehem Bible College
- The Center for Reconciliation of Duke Divinity School
- Oxford Centre for Mission Studies
- The International Fellowship for Mission as Transformation
- The Wheaton College HNGR Program
- Memoria Indígena
- Mennonite Action
- Scholar Leaders

One key way that Western churches can support the ministry of Majority World participants in this event is by helping cover their costs, which amount to approximately \$1,950 per participant.

In July of 2025, Christian leaders from Gaza, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Nazareth will gather together in a safe space outside of London for a summit on faith-based peacebuilding strategies. They will be joined by Christian missionaries, scholars, and activists from South Africa and from Indigenous communities of the Americas. Together, they will compare insights, create media content, and cross-pollinate tactics. As a result, they will develop collaborative strategies to mobilize the Church to foster peace in Palestine-Israel.

We would like to invite you to partner with us.

- Would your church commit to praying for this event?
- Would you consider **sponsoring the participation of a leader** from Palestine, Israel, South Africa, or Latin America?

If so, we would love to share with you further: what we learn, the content we create, and how you can be part of the ongoing peacebuilding work that it sparks.

You can make a tax-deductible contribution in support of this work through:

- INFEMIT: <https://infemit.org/donate>
- Scholar Leaders: <https://www.scholarleaders.org/give>

Please make sure to designate the gift to "**Peacebuilding Summit 2025.**"

For further information, check out our website:

www.peacebuilding2025.org