

ELCJHL MINISTRIES AND SCHOOLS - KEEPING THE FAITH IN THE HOLY LAND

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

JERUSALEM

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Elderly Center

BETHLEHEM

Lutheran Christmas Church
Diyar Consortium
Dar Annadwa
Dar al Kalima Collage
Dar al Kalima Health and
Wellness Center

BEIT JALA

Lutheran Church of the Reformation
Abraham's Herberge

BEIT SAHOUR

Lutheran Church in Beit Sahour

RAMALLAH

Lutheran Church of Hope
Meals on Wheels/Diakonia

AMMAN, JORDAN

Church of the Good Shepherd
Al Khaimeh Cultural Center

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

JERUSALEM

Al-Mahaba Kindergarten
Martin Luther Community Center

BEIT JALA

Boys' Home
Environmental Education Center
Talitha Kumi School

BEIT SAHOUR

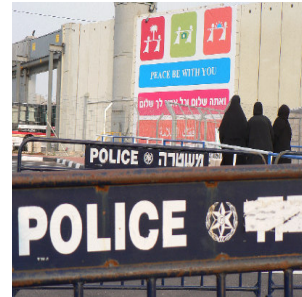
Lutheran School of Beit Sahour

BETHLEHEM

Dar al-Kalima School

RAMALLAH

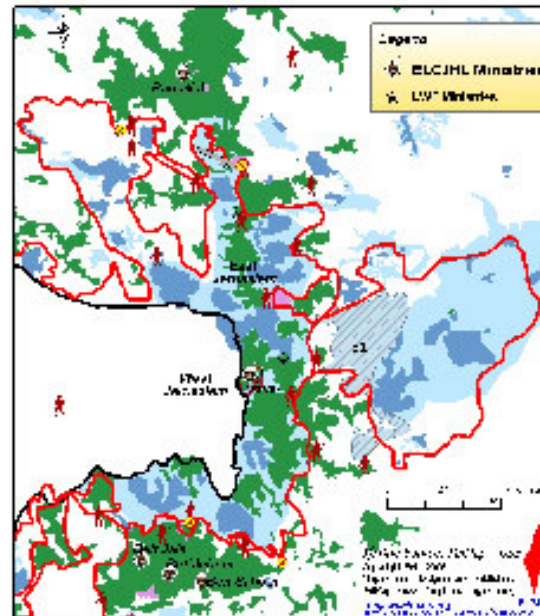
Lutheran School of Hope



The ELCJHL seeks to create hope in a hopeless world through its congregational and educational ministries such as youth and women's programs, science fairs, music and arts programs, teaching economic empowerment and olive-picking with the Environmental Education Center.



JERUSALEM REGION AND ELCJHL MINISTRIES



The ministries and schools of the ELCJHL are split on both sides of the wall, in the midst of a harsh occupation that affects every aspect of Palestinian life:

MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS -

For most of the past 5 years, there have been 600 - 700 check-points or road closures in the West Bank, which is the size of Delaware. Of these closures, only about 30 are on the recognized armistice line between Palestine and Israel; the rest only separate Palestinians from Palestinians.

FORBIDDEN FAMILIES -

If West Bankers marry a Jerusalemite, they must obtain a Family Reunification Permit from the Israelis to live legally with their spouse in Jerusalem. They stopped giving such permits several years ago, and have recently reinforced that ruling. These "illegal" spouses live in constant fear of being arrested for trying to live in their own homes with their families. About 20 ELCJHL families face this problem.

LAND CONFISCATION -

Since the Oslo Peace Process began in 1993, the number of illegal Israeli settlers has more than doubled to about 450,000, facilitated by massive land confiscation from Palestinians. When the wall is finished in Bethlehem, about half of Bethlehem's land will have been taken to form expanded settlements.

HOME DEMOLITIONS -

More than 18,000 homes have been demolished since 1967, only a small percentage linked to terrorism. Most are because they have no Israeli building permits, although those are rarely given to Palestinians.

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The ELCJHL works toward an end to the occupation through non-violent means. We strongly renounce violence and continue to work for two viable states, side by side along the 67 border, with justice for the refugees and victims of land confiscation.