

Sharing Jerusalem Workshop Church Profile

Your local church:

- is located on a major commuter street in a suburb close to Washington, DC
- has 500 members, consisting mostly of moderate-to-liberal married couples and elderly people, plus a few conservatives who care deeply about what the Bible says about “the land of Israel”
- has only a few members who know or understand much about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, beyond what they hear in the mainstream media, and who wonder why the church should be involved in this controversial issue
- has not has any educational events to introduce and educate church members about this issue

Your national church:

- has a presence in the Holy Land, especially in Jerusalem, including a church, a bishop, a hospital, and several schools
- has enacted resolutions in support of a “Shared Jerusalem”
- is a member of Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), a national organization which has a “Shared Jerusalem Resource Center” on its website and publicly supports a “Shared Jerusalem” through newspaper ads
- has encouraged local churches, such as yours, to:
 - study the Israeli/Palestinian conflict by having speakers; holding church events, book study groups, and audio-visual presentations; and gathering information from websites
 - reach out to synagogues, mosques, and other Christian groups to engage in interfaith and ecumenical dialog on how to promote peace and justice in the Holy Land

However, few members of your local church are aware of:

- the national church’s resolutions in support of a “Shared Jerusalem”
- the national church’s connections to the Holy Land
- the national church’s membership in CMEP or what CMEP stands for