

Sharing Jerusalem Workshop Role Playing Overview

The goal of the Sharing Jerusalem role-playing exercise is to provide you with hands-on experience in creating and implementing a Church Action Plan. A Church Action Plan is a blueprint for creating an informed and committed church that actively and visibly works toward a just resolution to the I/P conflict.

Overview of a Church Action Plan and its key elements

Planning is the single most important ingredient to creating a successful Sharing Jerusalem strategy for your church. Planning will force you, and the others working with you, to think through:

- what you want to accomplish – that is, your specific goals, such as letting your local legislators know how your constituency feels about the I/P conflict and what you would do to support him or her on the issue, contacting local media to say that your constituency would like more balanced coverage of the I/P conflict, or setting up communication with neighboring churches, synagogues, and mosques to discuss what you could do together
- what tools you will use to help you accomplish it - such as hanging a Sharing Jerusalem banner in the front of the church, showing the Landrum Bolling DVD, or playing the Sharing Jerusalem music
- how you want to accomplish it – that is, the steps that you will take to persuade your church that it should endorse SJ
- when you want you to accomplish each of the different steps in your plan – that is, the order in which you will carry out each part of your plan

For today's role playing exercise, you will be assigned to one of three different roles:

- Member of a Church Advocacy Group (in your church) promoting the Sharing Jerusalem Campaign
- Member of an influential church committee (in your church) whose support is critical
- Senior minister (in your church)

Initially, a **facilitator** will be available to each group/role to answer general questions about the specific role or the role-playing exercise. In addition, each church advocacy group will have a facilitator who will monitor the progress, keep track of time, and provide guidance as needed during the creation of the Church Action Plan, but without influencing the decision-making by the group.

Church Action Plan

Use the questions below to guide you in formulating your plan.

1. What is your ultimate goal?
2. What "tools" introduced in the workshop should you include in the plan to accomplish your goal?
3. When and how should the goal and the tools be introduced to your church?
4. Which key persons and groups in your church should be consulted and when?
5. What are the major questions that you are likely to be asked and what should your response be?

Reference materials

Use the materials listed below (which are provided with the role-playing materials in your folder) as you prepare for your meetings and formulate your plan.

- CMEP's Church Toolkit
- Church Profile
- Shared Jerusalem resolutions by two national Jewish peace groups
- Sharing Jerusalem Mission Statement