



Israel-Palestine Taskforce Ministry Description

This Task force is tasked with helping the conference to strive to understand more fully the social, economic, and political context in which” Palestinians and Israelis work for peace, to reflect on our own theological and political understandings of the land of Israel-Palestine, and to discern ways we can seek a more just future for all peoples of Israel and Palestine.

Major Responsibilities:

1. Plan educational events for the conference and member congregations, including creating opportunities such as workshops, seminars, and meals, to meet and listen to others who also have firsthand knowledge of this region, lived or worked in the region, are from the region, or have interest in knowing more about the region.
2. Develop a list of resources including books and other information for congregations and provide to the Conference Communication Manager to house on the conference website.
3. Develop a list of speakers who would be able to share in congregational settings or at conference wide educational events.
4. Attend denominational and other community events regarding Israel/Palestine to gain context and knowledge.
5. Become educated on the American Friends Service Committee tool for testing investments, to assist individuals or congregations who want to avoid buying products made by companies that profit from the destruction of life and property in Israel-Palestine and/or investing in those companies.

Traits for an effective commission member:

- Team player.
- Good listener.
- Compassionate/empathetic.
- Ability to share the stories of all those impacted (both Israelis, Palestinians, Jew, Christian, and Muslim, etc.)
- Some knowledge of the conflict and desire to learn from those who experience it firsthand.
- Ability to champion the stories of those with lived experiences in Israel and Palestine.

STAFF CONNECTION: John Stoltzfus

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES: Attend meetings as a liaison, ensure communication with the conference communication manager about activities and resources, and ensure all activities are part of your quarterly report.