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Reconciliation Leaders Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine with Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil and Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon

May 31 - June 9, 2020

Itinerary:

Day 1: Sunday, May 31, 2020 (No Guide)

Arrive to Tel Aviv airport and spend a free afternoon to relax and explore on your own by the seashore of the Mediterranean. In the evening, meet with trip leaders Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil and Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon who will give you an overview of your tour during a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Hotel: Olympia, Tel Aviv [Dinner included]

Day 2: Monday, June 1, 2020 – Old City (2 Guides)

Breakfast at Hotel with Briefing about the history of the conflict (Mae) - significance of multi-narratives. Zionism, British Mandate, Establishment of Israel/Nakba, Six Day War, Role of Christians and perspective of Christians (End Times, Support of Israel).

Check out of the hotel and transfer to Jerusalem

Multi-narrative. Holy Sites of the Mount of Olives and the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit sites such as Dominus Flavit and Gethsemane. Lunch at a hummus restaurant in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Walk into the Old City of Jerusalem and learn about the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim holy sites. Visit historic religious sites such as Saint Anne's and Via Dolorosa, the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Late Afternoon devotion by Dr. Brenda at the Garden Tomb on the power of Scripture, the story of Jerusalem, and how context should inform our understanding and teaching of the Word of God.



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Hotel: Holy Land, Jerusalem [Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at hotel included]

Day 3 – Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – Jewish Focused Day (2 Guides)

Start your first morning with a group devotional at the hotel over breakfast, then take a guided tour of Yad Vashem, Israeli Holocaust Museum.

Lunch with Jewish leader in Jerusalem – such as Jessica Montell and HaMoked.

That afternoon, meet with a religious Jewish leader (maybe Rabbi Daniel Roth) to learn about the power of the Hebrew Scriptures and the Midrash. Perhaps practice Scriptural reasoning.

Enjoy a leisurely dinner at the hotel focused on getting to know other team members and the questions we will be asking throughout the week about how justice and current realities affect our understanding of Christ and the Word of God.

Hotel: Holy Land, Jerusalem [Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at hotel included]

Day 4 – Wednesday June 3, 2020 - Palestinian Focused Day; Hebron morning and Tent of Nations Farm dinner/visit (1 Palestinian Guide)

Breakfast at Hotel

Start the day in the old city of Hebron. Meet with Ecumenical Accompaniment Program (EAPPI). Walk through Shuada Street.

Lunch (after or during meeting with Issa) at Mohammad's House

Quick visit to Ibrahimi Mosque (if time allows).

In the afternoon, meet with Ayed Abu Eqtaish- DCI Hebron on Child Detentions. Discuss intersection

That evening, visit and have dinner at the Tent of Nations farm where you can learn about the peacemaking work of a local family. Closing worship at Tent of Nations chapel cave with Daoud Nasser. (You will need to be able to travel about half a mile on a gravel road on a slight incline in order to be able to get to the farm from where the bus can park.)

Hotel: Holy Land, Jerusalem [Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at hotel included]

Day 5 - Thursday- June 4, 2020 – Jerusalem for Pastors (1 Palestinian Guide)

A more reflective day in the Holy City, perhaps even revisiting some of the sites like St. Anne's (the Pool of Bethesda) for spiritual reflection and a conversation about the power of preaching John 5. Lunch with Nora Kort at Wujoud (just inside the Jaffa Gate).



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This day could include a walk around the rampart walls to see the sacred city from the heights that surround it. Additional holy sites and time in the Old City could also include Ecce Homo (on the Via Dolorosa).

Hotel: Holy Land, Jerusalem [Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at hotel included]

Day 6 - Friday – June 5, 2020 (1 Palestinian Guide)

Morning debrief with the team over breakfast at the hotel.

Free time in the Old City to shop, walk, and have an early lunch on your own. After lunch, transfer to Christ at the Checkpoint (CATC) hotel in Bethlehem for afternoon start to CATC program (Conference historically begins at 3 pm on the first day)

Hotel: CATC hotel in Bethlehem [Breakfast and Dinner included]

Day 7 - Saturday, June 6 - CATC

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Hotel: CATC hotel in Bethlehem [Breakfast and Dinner included]

Day 8 - Sunday, June 7 - CATC

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Hotel: CATC hotel in Bethlehem [Breakfast and Dinner included]

Day 9 - Monday, June 8 - CATC

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Hotel: CATC hotel in Bethlehem [Breakfast and Dinner included]

Day 10 - Tuesday, June 9 - CATC

CATC program historically ends by 2 pm on the final day.

Group transfer to TLV airport Tuesday afternoon or evening (depending on traveler flight times).