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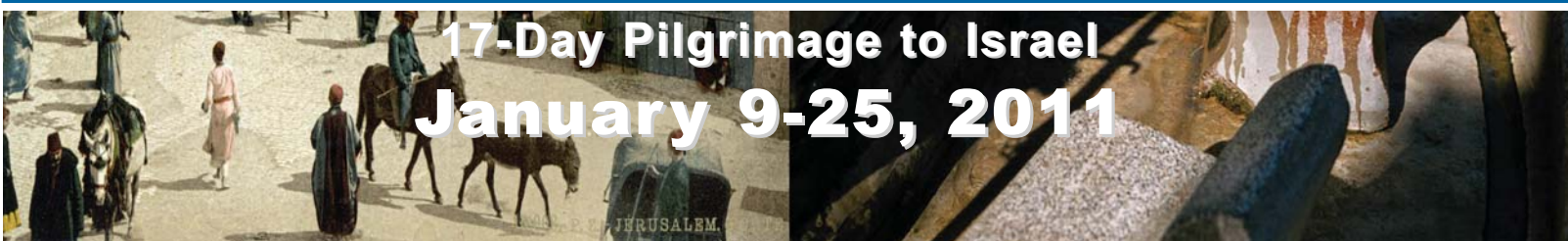
LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL
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presents

The People of the Holy Land: Then and Now

A Cross-cultural Immersion and
Spiritual Retreat in Israel and Palestine

17-Day Pilgrimage to Israel
January 9-25, 2011

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ITINERARY

Sunday, January 9, Day 1 - **Departure to Israel**
Depart USA on your transatlantic flight with meals served on board.

Monday, January 10, Day 2 - **Arrival**
Arrive Tel Aviv, transfer to Jerusalem for overnight.

Tuesday, January 11, Day 3 - **Jerusalem the Gold**
The Temple Mount, Western (Wailing) Wall, Temple Mount excavations; City of David, Warren's Shaft and walk Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam. Overnight Jerusalem.

Wednesday, January 12, Day 4 **The Mount of Olives and the Old City**
Dialogue with Pastor Mark Brown, head of the Lutheran World Federation, at Augusta Victoria Hospital; Bethpage, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane, Pool of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Overnight Jerusalem.

Thursday, January 13, Day 5 **Jews and Palestinians in the Holy Land**
Jewish settlement of Efrat and meeting with the Head of Religious Council, Bob Lang; the Herodion and Herod's Tomb (recently discovered and under excavation); Bethlehem and talk with Palestinian Lutheran pastor Dr. Mitri Raheb; Shepherds' Field. Overnight Jerusalem.

Friday, January 14, Day 6 **Shabbat Shalom**
Yad Vashem, Israel Museum and Shrine of the Book (Dead Sea Scrolls museum), Second Temple Period Model of Jerusalem; Jericho, Qumran. Wellness Retreat in the wilderness on the shore of the Dead Sea. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

Saturday, January 15, Day 7 **Shabbat**
Free day to unwind and enjoy the Sabbath, kibbutz life, the Dead Sea and spa. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

Sunday, January 16, Day 8 **Sunday in the Judean Wilderness**
A day of solitude, reflection, and private prayer where David, the prophets, John the Baptist, and Jesus sought refuge and spiritual renewal, centered around the Holy Eucharist at noon in the midst of the day. Afternoon (3 p.m.) tour of the kibbutz by a member of the kibbutz. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

Monday, January 17, Day 9 **Life in the Negev and Wilderness of Zin**
Arad with Solomon's temple, Beersheva of the Patriarchs, Ein Avdat nature hike, Nabatean Avdat. Overnight Ein Gedi.

Tuesday, January 18, Day 10 **David, Zealots, and Ancient Jewish Presence**
Masada, Nakhal (wadi) David hike, Ein Gedi synagogue. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

Wednesday, January 19, Day 11 **Jesus' Ministry around the Sea of Galilee**
Travel north to Capernaum where Jesus began his ministry; first-century fishing boat at Ginosar, Boat ride on Sea of Galilee, Tabgha (Feeding of the 5,000 and Primacy of Peter), Holy Communion on the Mount of Beatitudes. Evening respite at Khamat Tiveria (Tiberias Hot Springs) with local Israelis, both Jewish and Arab. Overnight Tiberias.

Thursday, January 20, Day 12 **Jewish Life in the Golan Heights: Then and Now**
Hike to the first-century Zealot stronghold of Gamla ("Masada of the North") in a modern nature reserve for birds of prey, tour the Talmudic village of ancient Katzrin and its museum, then the Golan Heights winery in modern Katzrin. Late afternoon leisure time at Khamat Tiveria (Tiberias Hot Springs). Overnight Tiberias.

Friday, January 21, Day 13 **Northern Galilee**
Ancient Dan, Banias waterfall and hike to Caesarea Philippi (Confession of Peter), Druze villages, Kuneitra and UN Peace Keeping mission.

Evening repose at Khamat Tiveria (Tiberias Hot Springs). Overnight Tiberias.

Saturday, January 22, Day 14 **The Childhood of Jesus**
Tsiptori (Sepphoris); Nazareth, the Basilica of the Annunciation and museum; celebrate Shabbat (the Sabbath) with local Israelis at the hotel. Overnight Tiberias.

Sunday, January 23, Day 15 **Southern Galilee**
Affirmation of Baptism. Sunday Worship Service at the Jordan River. Beit Alfa Synagogue, Beit Shean. Afternoon to early evening time at the Hot Springs overlooking the Sea of Galilee, or walking and meditating along the shore of the Sea, recounting your experiences of the past two weeks. Overnight Tiberias.

Monday, January 24, Day 16 **Palestinians in Galilee**
Visit Archbishop Elias Chacour (author of Blood Brothers, which we read in advance) in Haifa, view Bahai Shrine, Mount Carmel, Megiddo, Caesarea Maritime, Jafo (Jaffa) on the Mediterranean Sea for spectacular closing dinner, transfer to airport for return flight to USA.

Tuesday, January 25, Day 17 **Arrival in USA.**

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YOUR INSTRUCTORS: DR. MONTE LUKER

The Rev. Dr. Monte Luker, Professor of Hebrew Scriptures at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC, has lived and studied in the Holy Land for 30 years. In addition to the Land, his primary interest is in the literary and theological analysis of Scripture, and he has contributed numerous articles to Mercer Dictionary of the Bible, Anchor Bible Dictionary, New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, as well as scholarly and church-related journals. His books include *Doom and Hope in Micah and Passion, Vitality, and Foment: The Dynamics of Second Temple Judaism*.

Dr. Luker also serves as Faculty Associate in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of South Carolina and has been Professor of Bible at the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies since 1997. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Schools of Oriental Research, the Biblical Archaeology Society, and the National Association of Professors of Hebrew.

BOBBY MORRIS

Bobby Morris (M.A.R., S.T.M., Ph.D. Vanderbilt ABD) is author of the Hebrew and Greek indexes for the 12-volume *New Interpreter's Bible Commentary* and has studied and taught in the Middle East for 10 years.

To reserve your place, send the registration form with \$300 deposit immediately. If you have questions, please call Dr. Monte Luker at 803-719-2057 or e-mail him at: lluker@mac.com.

Included in Price: roundtrip international airfare, housing, breakfast and dinner daily, instruction, entrance fees to sites, tips and taxes

Encounter Israel & Palestine: the geography, customs, politics, and languages, amidst the religious and cultural diversity



JANUARY 9-25, 2011

In January 2011 Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary offers a **cross-cultural immersion and spiritual retreat** in Israel and Palestine. In addition to the biblical sites all the way from Mount Hermon in the north to the Dead Sea in the south, we shall meet with Dr. Mitri Raheb of the Lutheran church in Bethlehem, staff of Augusta Victoria Hospital, the pastors of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jerusalem, Archbishop Abuna Elias Chacour in the Galilee, as well as Druze villagers in the Golan Heights, Jewish settlers, and kibbutzniks. Seminarians take the course for the required cross-cultural credit or for elective ID 405 Holy Land Practicum. Three hours academic credit are granted at the M.A.R., M.Div., S.T.M., and D.Min. levels. Contact Dr. Luker for details, LLuker@mac.com or (803) 719-2057. Pastors and lay professionals are encouraged to join us for continuing education credit, and lay persons from all walks of life always enrich the dialog that takes place on these study tours.

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- via check - Payable to Educational Opportunities Tours
 via credit card - You must register at www.jcbs.org

Full Deposit of \$300 per Person Required

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INCLUDED IN PRICE: Round Trip Airfare, Deluxe Motorcoaches, First Class Hotels, Guided Sightseeing, Entrance fees to sites visited, Breakfast and Dinner daily, Basic Gratuities; Taxes, Facilities Charge and Security Fees, Departure, Immigration and Customs Fees.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: 1) Domestic flight; 2) Optional Travel Protection Program (see box); 3) Lunches; 4) Miscellaneous fees such as Individual Transfers; Passports, Laundry, Beverages at Meals; Excess Baggage and Items of a Personal Nature; 5) Fuel Surcharges which may be imposed by airlines and other suppliers. If applicable, fuel surcharge will be paid by the passenger; 6) Voluntary "Love Offering" for Guide and Driver; 7) Any increase in taxes and/or fees imposed after the printing of this brochure.

PAYMENT: A full deposit of \$300 per person is required. Final payment for trip, including optional travel protection premium if applicable, is due by **SEPTEMBER 25, 2010**. Thereafter, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Price is based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$800 during the tour.

ITINERARY CHANGES: If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$90 per night; single rooms \$130 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

CANCELLATION FEES: 100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is insurable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$90 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. **Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, no refund for any services not used**

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Part B	
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Missed Connection \$500
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