

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

EDUCATION *is the* FOUNDATION *for* PEACE

“Christian Education” in many churches in the United States often refers to a variety of programs for youth and adults as part of Sunday morning. Throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East “Christian Education” takes on a different meaning. “Christian Education” is the term used to describe the schools and educational programs which are owned and operated by the Christian churches.

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is a leader in providing educational opportunities, especially for the most vulnerable children. The diocese operates residential programs for developmentally disabled children and adults near Beirut; residential education for at-risk boys in Amman; schools for blind and deaf children in Jordan; highly respected K-12 programs for girls and boys in Amman, Jordan and in Haifa and Nazareth in Israel; vocational training in electronics and hospitality in Ramallah in the Occupied Territories, among other programs.

“Christian Education” through these programs are open to all. Most of the students are Muslim and it is common to have waiting lists of Muslim families who are looking for the rigorous and compassionate quality education provided through the schools sponsored by the Diocese.

An essential component of the schools and programs of the diocese is that there is no effort to change anyone’s beliefs, but there is ample opportunity to share religious traditions. The diocesan educational program strives to promote mutual respect and tolerance among students families, faculty and staff. The example of Christian and Muslim faculty, staff and students working and learning together provide opportunities to share and learn from one another in a safe and creative environment.

Your support of the Good Friday Offering helps make scholarships available and supports these schools which are educating the next generation of leaders.



Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children, Jerusalem



*Theodore Schneller School for Boys,
Vocational Training Program, Amman, Jordan*

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