2017 Sacred Journey

Tentative Travel Itinerary

Leave US on Monday, January 9 arrive Tel Aviv Tuesday January 10
Drive to Bethlehem, stay at Guest House of Christmas Lutheran Church

Wednesday – tour Christmas Lutheran Church ministry sites, meet with mission partners Late afternoon tour of Church of the Nativity Some free time in Bethlehem

Thursday – day trip to West Bank town of Hebron, home of both Palestinians and Israeli settlers

Friday – Holocaust Museum, Jerusalem with Yael Shalem, Machsom Watch Meet with Mission partner YMCA in Beit Sahour, director Mona Zaghrout

Saturday – Mission partner meetings
Ramallah - Jean Zaru, Friends Meeting House
Omar Barghouthi, Palestinian Civil Society BDS Movement
East Jerusalem YWCA, director Dr. Mira Rizeq

Sunday – worship at Christmas Lutheran Church Afternoon – travel to Judean Desert sites, Qumran/Masada/Dead Sea

Monday – Jerusalem holy sites, including Mount of Olives (Palm Sunday walk), Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Dome of the Rock/Al Aqsa Mosque, and Wailing/Western Wall

Late afternoon, return to Bethlehem – meet families with Parent Circle

Tuesday – Mission partner Rawdat El Zahur primary school, Jerusalem Afternoon – meet with either Sabeel Liberation Theology Center or Israelis Against House Demolition organization

Wednesday – go to Galilee via Jericho and River Jordan baptism site Visit sites around the Sea of Galilee Spend night in Galilee

Thursday - Nazareth

Church of the Annunciation, Sisters of the Nazarene Meet with Palestinian couple Goysana and Habib Karam

Back via Mediterranean Sea route to airport, dinner in Tel Aviv, fly home, arrive Friday, January 20