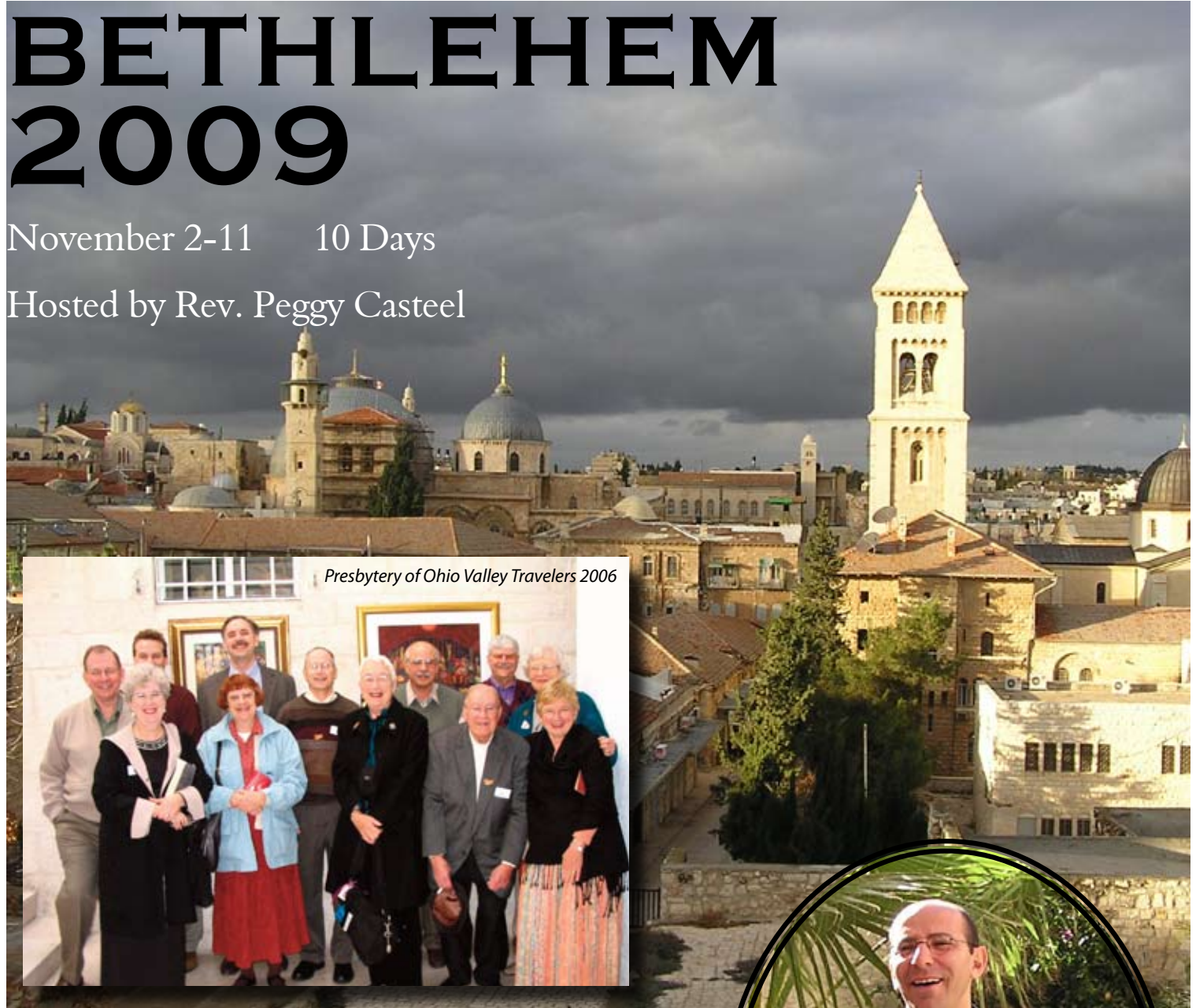


Presbytery of the Ohio Valley
In Partnership with the International Center
of Bethlehem welcomes you to journey with us to

BETHLEHEM 2009

November 2-11 10 Days

Hosted by Rev. Peggy Casteel



- Make a pilgrimage to the land of Jesus...walking the streets Bethlehem shifts the lens on the stories of the Bible.
- The partnership between the Presbytery of the Ohio Valley and the International Center of Bethlehem includes travel to keep the partnership alive and vibrant.
- Spending money in Bethlehem is very satisfying and supports our mission for social justice.
- It's fun to share memories and stay at the guesthouse of the International Center of Bethlehem.

 **Group
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*Enriching Lives Through
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*Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb
Director of the International Center
of Bethlehem*

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

MON, 02 NOV Depart USA

Depart today for the overnight flight to Tel Aviv via Lufthansa Airlines. (Meals in-flight)

TUE, 03 NOV Tel Aviv/Galilee

Connect in Frankfurt this morning for your continuing flight to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, meet your guide and transfer to Galilee for dinner and overnight. (Meals in-flight, D)

WED, 04 NOV Galilee/Bethlehem

This morning enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, and travel to the Jordan River. On the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, visit the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum. Drive along the shore to Tabgha for visits to the Church of Multiplication, built on the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes; and the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee. Drive to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

THU, 05 NOV Jerusalem/Bethlehem

This morning visit Augusta Victoria Hospital, supported by Lutheran World Federation, and hear of the work being done. There will be an opportunity to participate in the olive harvest on the grounds. A box lunch will be provided. Savor the stunning panoramic view from the Mount of Olives, walk the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations. Visit the Garden Tomb. Learn about the work of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolition (ICAHD), which is dedicated to challenging the Israeli practice of tearing down Palestinian homes. Return to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

FRI, 06 NOV Jerusalem/Bethlehem

Tour the Old City, starting at the Western Wall, considered to be one of the holiest sites in the



Christmas Lutheran Church

Jewish tradition; followed by the Temple Mount and the golden Dome of the Rock, an important symbol of the Muslim faith. Walk the Via Dolorosa to experience the Stations of the Cross; the last few Stations are located inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. At noon, observe the weekly meeting of peaceful protesters: Women in Black. The balance of the day will be at leisure for independent activities and dinner on own in the Old City before returning to Bethlehem. (B)

SAT, 07 NOV Bethlehem

Tour the recently constructed Separation Wall and understand its impact. This concrete wall is still being built around Palestinian villages, towns and farms by the Israeli government. In some cases, farmers cannot reach their fields because the wall stands in between. Visit the Deheishe Refugee Camp, where Palestinians have lived since 1948. Continue to Beit Sahour to see Shepherds' Field, where the angels announced the birth of Jesus (Luke 2, 10). End the day with a relaxing Bedouin dinner. (B, D)

SUN, 08 NOV Bethlehem

Start the day with Sunday worship (in Arabic) at Christmas Lutheran Church, and join the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb and the congregation for fellowship following the service. Local residents and staff members will be invited to join the group for lunch today, during which many enriching conversations can flow. Then take a locally guided walking tour of the Old City, including a visit to Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, built over the cave-stable where tradition says Jesus was born. (B, L, D)

MON, 09 NOV Bethlehem

Transfer to Dar al Kalima Academy and Health and Wellness Center, an outgrowth of ICB, intended to promote the healthy development of Bethlehem-area persons, Christians and Muslims alike, to take their place in the Palestinian future. Stop for a falafel lunch, then continue to Hebron to visit the Tomb of Abraham, and visit one of the famous Hebron glass factories. (B, L, D)

TUE, 10 NOV Bethlehem

No guide or motorcoach are included today. The day is at your leisure for individual pursuits. Join the group for a Farewell Dinner this evening. (B, D)

Optional Dead Sea Excursion (\$85 based on a minimum of 10 people.)

Travel to the lowest point of the world, the Dead Sea. Take time for an optional float in this unique body of water and lunch on your own. Take the cable car up to Masada and enjoy the spectacular view of the Dead Sea while hearing of the fate of the people who inhabited this area. On this rocky plateau in the year 73 AD, the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors. Later visit Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

WED, 11 NOV Return to USA

Early morning transfer to the Tel Aviv Airport for the homebound flights. Arrive home the same day enriched and enlightened by your time spent in the Holy Land. (Meals in-flight)

Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
Itinerary subject to change.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip economy class airfare from Indianapolis or Louisville via Lufthansa Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- Eight nights accommodation in superior tourist class hotel and Christian Guesthouse, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- Breakfast daily with lunches and dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure.
- Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$105 per person has been included).
- Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$450 per person).
- Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require a visa.

TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$400 per person are requested by April 15, 2009 to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due June 30, 2009. Final payment is due August 28, 2009. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance prior to departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to June 29, 2009 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; June 30 - October 25, 2009 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; October 26, 2009 or after - No refund.



CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than June 30, 2009. A minimum fee of \$175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors industry events, such as airline strikes and bankruptcies, etc. If any such events affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html

COST SUMMARY

Early Bird Special*.....\$3370

*Register by April 15, 2009

After April 15, 2009.....\$3470

Group Flights From Indianapolis or Louisville

Tour Gratuities (\$105).....Included
 Airport/Foreign Departure Taxes (\$450).....Included

*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Single Room Supplement*.....\$275

*In addition to base tour cost. Very limited availability on request basis. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this can not be guaranteed and the supplements may apply.

Optional Dead Sea Daytrip*.....\$85

*Per person additional
 (Based on a minimum of 10 people)

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Indianapolis or Louisville (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of October 2008, a minimum of 15 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.



Garden of Gethsemane

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#091104 OR PHOTOCOPY, CLIP AND MAIL

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Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
 (Name as it appears on passport)

Address (no P.O. boxes please) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone/Day () _____ Phone/Evening () _____

E-Mail _____ Roommate _____

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this can not be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

- I/We will take the group flights from Indianapolis.
- I/We will take the group flights from Louisville.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.
Please contact GTD for land-only rates.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL INSURANCE (please check one)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

- \$ _____ \$554 per person inclusive of travel insurance for the tour.
- \$ _____ \$400 per person without travel insurance. I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

Enclosed is my deposit check of \$400 per person. Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G # 091104. I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PRE-EXISTING
 medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when insurance is purchased at the time of reservation / deposit. Contact Travel Insured for more info.
 800-243-3174

Dead Sea Daytrip
 Please register me/us for the optional day trip to the Dead Sea.

Form of Payment
 Check
 Charge my deposit(s) to
 Credit Card # _____
 Exp _____
 Security Code _____
 Name as it appears on credit card: _____



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GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. GTD offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the tour deposit is made, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, i.e., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver or you may purchase it later without the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174.

GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE INCLUSIONS

Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
Assistance Service.....	included
	* a maximum of \$3500 per person
	** a maximum of \$5250 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is **\$154** per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered.

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