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IN THE PALESTINE-ISRAEL CONVERSATION

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As Americans, we play a crucial role in ongoing conversation and justice work pertaining to Israel and Palestine.

It is important to define what our role is, and what it is not.

Where is our voice needed? Where is it not?

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As Christians, we are called to be nonviolent, creative peacemakers. Here are some ways our voice adds value and depth to the American conversation about Palestine-Israel...

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ELCA SUMUD-OUR VOICES ADD VALUE

- Defending the human rights of all peoples
- Affirming God loves all peoples of the Holy Land
- Voicing opposition of use of American money for tools of destruction and violence instead of peace projects and humanitarian aid
- Uplifting the voices of our siblings in the ELCJHL, and amplifying their lived experiences
- Deconstructing harmful Christian Zionism theology which dehumanizes Palestinians, Israelis, and Jewish peoples around the world,
- Advocating for all leaders involved to adhere to international law

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Here are some ways our voices can be harmful in the American conversation pertaining to Palestine-Israel:

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- Speculating about your own “solutions” for the land and its people. We do not know better than local voices when it comes to the future of the HL. It is up to us to support human rights to be granted to all in order for that process to begin earnestly and accompany that process as we are invited to.
- Generalizing about any group of people such as saying one or the other has violence “in their DNA”.
- Speaking from the perspective of a Palestinian or an Israeli, if you are not one

ELCA SUMUD RESOURCES

With our voices, we hold the power to spread awareness, advocate for justice, and accompany our siblings in the holy land. How we do so is important. Where can you use your voice for justice in Palestine and Israel?

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This guide is informed by and aligned with the ELCA Churchwide strategy.

Find the ELCA's Churchwide Strategy for Engagement in Israel and Palestine on the ELCA Website, or in the link in our bio.

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