

Bearing Witness: A Journey with Holy Land Christians

Thursdays, 12-1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Begins January 9, 2025

"Bearing Witness" is a new free video-based study program from the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ). "Bearing Witness" shares the stories of people living in Palestine and Israel and the remarkable ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem that bring hope and healing in this volatile part of the world.

The Diocese of North Carolina is offering its second chance to take part and experience this extraordinary five-week curriculum, either for its own sake or with an eye toward facilitating the curriculum in your own congregation or ministry. The facilitator training will follow the course's conclusion with a one-time session on February 20.

This is a particularly timely offering for those who want to have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the dynamics, gifts and challenges of belonging to a land that is shared by many faiths, ethnicities and nationalities. It is a way of first listening, praying and discerning how God might be calling us to be in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Jerusalem, Gaza, the Galilee, the West Bank and the entire area where Jesus lived, taught, and gave himself up to the glory of God and for the sake of creating beloved community on earth. It models what it means to walk in love in one of the hardest regions on earth and recalibrates our hearts and our ministries in the process.

[Register.](#)

Pilgrimage to St. Mark's, Wilson

January 11, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

There is nothing quite so sacred or moving as walking on the path and in the footsteps of those whom history has not treated with dignity and grace. As an important part of our mission strategy, we have a huge opportunity to educate ourselves about what has happened in this diocese and in North Carolina concerning race and the lack of social justice.

On January 11, we will journey to St. Mark's, Wilson, to learn more about their history and explore Wilson's African American history, Freeman Round House and African American History Museum, and the Tobacco Factory. Our day will end with a closing Eucharist.

Registration is required, and the \$15 fee is payable at registration. Lunch will be provided. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to St. Mark's, Wilson. There is space for 60 participants.

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Sacred Ground

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. via Zoom

Begins February 4, 2025

Since its launch five years ago, Sacred Ground, The Episcopal Church's 11-part, film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith, has impacted and educated through thousands of study circles across the church.

Opportunities to take part in Sacred Ground facilitator training will take place following the course's conclusion.

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