

At the Synod assembly, voting members agreed to a resolution asking each congregation to do one learning event this year about the Holy Land and our companions there. The Friends of Sumud working group members will do the presentations or steer you to resources to help you. Explore the history, theologies and current context of the land and our companions, what affects the prospects for peace with justice, and what you can do to support them. Contact the group at sumudswtxsynod@gmail.com. Tammie Danielsen, Rev. Sharon Wiggins, Debbie El-Bathy and Rev. Dr. Anamae Storbeck are in or near Austin.

Rev. Dr. Julie Rowe (revjbr2003@yahoo.com) is a supply pastor who also offers an integrated Sunday experience including preaching, teaching an event, and incorporating Middle Eastern elements into worship.

Update: Our young college age Palestinian Lutheran sister is still being held without charge since the Israeli Army took her and three other classmates at gunpoint from their apartment on June 2. She has been forbidden to see her family or pastor, and she has only limited contact with her lawyer. Read more about it and how to advocate for her release [here](#).