

Bio for Loren McGrail

Rev. Loren McGrail is a minister, theologian, poet/artist who served the YWCA of Palestine as one of Global Ministries mission co-workers in Israel/Palestine. In addition, she was also an Ecumenical Associate with the Church of Scotland where she served St. Andrews Scotts Memorial Church in Jerusalem and Tiberias. She first went to Palestine with the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Israel and Palestine in 2011.

Her work with the YWCA focused on advocacy. She wrote newsletters, Action Alerts and statements. She was the coordinator of the Fabric of Our Lives Project which calls attention to Palestinian refugees and their rights including The Right of Return. She also developed other advocacy tools which can be found and purchased on the UCC website. At <https://www.uccresources.com/products/fabric-of-our-lives-dolls?variant=1004263260/>. In addition, she edited the Joint Advocacy Initiative's newsletter Eye on Palestine---a bimonthly electronic newsletter on current events affecting the Palestinian people.

She served for five years and is now available to present and preach about her experiences. Many of her sermons and mission stories can be found on Global Ministries website or on her blog (<http://agarmenofdestiny.blogspot.com/>) or on facebook at Loren McGrail.

Her art---*Assemblage*, and writings reflect her witness in the land all call holy. She uses found and broken objects to make art in response to the events that affect her and the communities she serves. She had an exhibit of her art and writings, *Witness and Hope Reimagined* at Dar Annada Center in Bethlehem this Spring. She is currently working on finding other venues for the exhibit and a book with the same title. UCC-PIN of Ohio will showcase a sampling of her artwork and writings as a portable traveling display. We are also arranging her itinerary and schedule for preaching and speaking. Contact Pam Beck immediately at discoverqz@sbcglobal.net or 216-956-3436 cell/text with your interest and possible dates.