

A voice of passion for the Middle East

Janet Lahr Lewis

Janet Lahr Lewis is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving in the Middle East as liaison between ecumenical groups, Israel and Palestine.

Janet first felt the tug toward serving Jesus Christ in the Middle East following participation in a "Holy Land" tour. After a time of discernment and prayer she sold her house in the U.S. and volunteered for several years, first in Galilee, then Bethlehem, where she *"lived with my neighbors under the heavy hand of injustice and military occupation."*

Janet does not shy away from controversy, especially when she sees injustice and oppression. She speaks about the hard work of real peace making when many people simply want to pick sides in the conflict and demand that others do the same.

"Christ calls us all to be ministers of justice. Through my work with the Palestinian Christian community, I will be able to answer this call by working for a just and lasting peace for Palestinians and Israelis, so that reconciliation and healing can occur." (Janet)

A native of Cleveland, OH, Janet earned an associate degree in civil engineering and architectural design from Lakeland College in Mentor, OH. She later studied at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX. Prior to moving to Israel-Palestine, Janet worked as project coordinator and trouble-shooter managing civil engineering and project design at Olds Cast Stone Products in Thompson, OH. She served from 1994-1997 as Personal Assistant to Archbishop Elias Chacour, president of Mar Elias Educational Institutions in Galilee.



Janet has three adult children, Adam, Evan, and Tegan. She is a member of Chardon United Methodist Church in Chardon, Ohio.

PUMC is honored to partner with Janet through prayer and financial support of her ministry in this volatile and explosive setting. You can contact her with you own words of encouragement at jllewis@annadwa.org

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