



A tree is a sign of hope. When you plant a tree you believe in the future and you learn that peace should grow from the bottom up.

How to give

Your generosity will bring hope to the people of Palestine. The cost of planting a single tree is only \$10. Purchase one tree or a whole grove!

Checks can be made out to "Minnesota Annual Conference." Be sure to write "PIJP Olive Tree Project" in the memo line so that your gift is designated to the appropriate place. Send checks to

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122 W. Franklin
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Palestine/Israel Justice Project

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The Palestine/Israel Justice Project of the Minnesota Annual Conference—an Advance Special—invites you and/or your church to be a sign of hope and light for the people of Palestine by supporting the work of replanting olive trees.



Plant Olive Trees as a Sign of Hope

Assisting the people of Palestine

In the spirit of the Christ born in Bethlehem, you can assist the people of Palestine through your financial and prayerful support of Palestinian farmers who live near this iconic city.



- Palestinian farmers continue to experience the illegal confiscation of their land and the demolition of their family homes by the Israeli military to make way for Israeli settlements to be built in the West Bank/Palestinian territories.
 - The olive tree is a sign of life and hope in the Palestinian culture. The Biblical reference to God's new beginning, from Isaiah 11:1, refers to the olive tree: "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse."
 - More than 4,000 trees were bulldozed and/or burned in the past year from the farm of Daoud Nassar, located south of Bethlehem. More than 1 million trees have been destroyed since 1948. The land on which these olive trees grows has been in the legal ownership of many Palestinian families for generations.
- On the Bishop's Holy Land trip in January 2015, after a presentation by United Methodist missionary Kristen Brown, a spontaneous offering was taken to replace uprooted olive trees. The offering total of \$222 was enough to plant 22 olive trees. The purchased trees have been planted by volunteer groups from the international community.



"We will keep planting trees as a sign of hope for a better future," Palestinian farmer Daoud Nassar said about this effort.

The new olive tree saplings that you purchase will be planted by local Palestinian farmers with the assistance and support of volunteers from the International Community of Christians who travel to Palestine and volunteer to dig holes, water, and plant olive tree saplings during the spring planting season.

