

# The 2023 Holy Land Pilgrimage



The Episcopal Diocese  
of Pennsylvania

MARCH 15-28



Led by  
**The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutiérrez**  
XVI Bishop of the Episcopal  
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After Jesus' resurrection from the dead, Luke says he appeared to his disciples and said, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, **beginning from Jerusalem**. You are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24: 46-48)

Christians around the world have borne witness to "those things" ever since, and yet, as Jesus says, the movement begins in Jerusalem. The movement we inherit in Pennsylvania has its roots in the land Christ called home, both rugged and beautiful, and our sisters and brothers in the movement continue to bear witness through hospitals and schools that serve the most marginalized in the name of Jesus.

# WITNESS





Led by the Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutiérrez, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, this pilgrimage will **encounter the Gospel in stone and flesh**, visiting the sights that mark the story of our faith and the people who keep that faith alive in the Holy Land today, with special emphasis on the people and institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. **We'll come home changed, restored, and renewed.**

"We moved from bustling, populated areas full of

life, to river valleys with rich, fertile soil, and then to the desert," Gutiérrez said of the 2019

pilgrimage. Whether it was the twisted branches and trunks of olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane, the poppies that lined the path of the Via Maris, the sweeping vistas from the Mount of Transfiguration, or the isolation of the barren landscape in the Judean Desert, all in our group were touched.

**Prayers lifted us to a level of unexpected tranquility."**

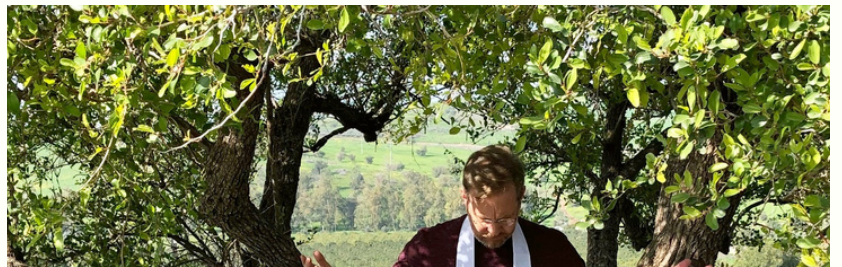


# TRANQUILITY

# You are invited to consider whether **God is calling you** on this journey.

The pilgrimage is \$3,700 plus airfare, insurance, and incidentals.

Registration is now open, and our 35 slots are filling up.





# PROPOSED ITINERARY

MARCH 15

## DAY ONE DEPART U.S.

Travel to Tel Aviv on the airline and flight of your choice, flying overnight



MARCH 16

## DAY TWO ARRIVE

Travel to Jerusalem and settle in to the Guest House and neighborhood between Saint George's Cathedral and Damascus Gate



MARCH 17

## DAY THREE JERUSALEM & HERODIUM

We tour Jerusalem's perimeter to appreciate its geography, and then to Tekoa in the southern West Bank to visit Herod's palace in the Judean Desert.

Over three nights, three guest speakers provide modern-day context from Muslim, Christian, and Jewish perspectives.



# PROPOSED ITINERARY

MARCH 18

## DAY FOUR BETHLEHEM

We say Morning Prayer in the field where the angels visited the shepherds, make a prayerful visit to the Church of the Nativity, and take a solemn walk along the separation wall that divides Bethlehem from Jerusalem, grounding the birthplace of the Prince of Peace in its context here today



MARCH 19

## DAY FIVE JERUSALEM & RAMALLAH

We tour the Western Wall and Dome of the Rock, worship with the local Episcopal congregation at St. Andrew's in Ramallah, and visit the Israel Museum to study the Dead Sea Scrolls



MARCH 20

## DAY SIX JERICHO & NAZARETH

We celebrate the Holy Eucharist in the Judean Desert at sunrise, visit the Mount of Temptation and Jericho, and then we drive north to Nazareth, our home for three nights





# PROPOSED ITINERARY

MARCH 21

## DAY SEVEN SEPPHORIS & CAESAREA PHILIPPI

We take a detailed walk through the ruins of Sepphoris, the largest Roman city nearest Nazareth, where Joseph likely did much of his work. In the afternoon, we visit the Golan Heights and the site of the Temple of Pan, where Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?"



MARCH 22

## DAY EIGHT SEA OF GALILEE

We renew our baptismal vows at the Jordan River, celebrate the Holy Eucharist on the Mount of Beatitudes, tour Capernaum and Tabgha, and take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee



MARCH 23

## DAY NINE THE WEST BANK

Returning to Jerusalem, we travel through the West Bank, visiting the Church of the Ten Lepers in Burqin, Jacob's Well in Nablus, and for fun, Taybeh Brewery, the first brewery in Palestine



# PROPOSED ITINERARY

MARCH 24

## DAY TEN THE OLD CITY

This day focuses primarily on the Church of the Resurrection, or Church of the Holy Sepulcher, in Jerusalem's Old City. We'll allow time for both our head and our heart to absorb its holiness.



MARCH 25

## DAY ELEVEN MOUNT OF OLIVES & DEAD SEA

We walk the Palm Sunday procession down the Mount of Olives, make a prayerful visit to Gethsemane, and visit the Dead Sea to float on its salty water



MARCH 26

## DAY TWELVE WORSHIP & FREE AFTERNOON

We will worship with our siblings at St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem, and then the rest of the day is yours.





# PROPOSED ITINERARY

MARCH 27

## DAY THIRTEEN FULL FREE DAY

This full free day allows greater flexibility. Explore the Old City in greater detail, take a quick cab ride to see the sight of the Annunciation or visit the Holocaust Memorial, or make a day trip to Masada and Qumran.

The possibilities are endless.



MARCH 28

## DAY FOURTEEN WAY OF THE CROSS & EMMAUS

We make an early morning procession of the Stations of the Cross ending with the Bishop's blessing at the Holy Sepulchre. We celebrate the Holy Eucharist in Emmaus, and then we fly home



MARCH 29

## DAY FIFTEEN HOME

While not part of the itinerary, many flights returning from Israel arrive in the U.S. the next day, so this day might be a travel day.

For planning purposes, give yourself this day to return home and unpack.



# A PURPOSEFUL PILGRIMAGE

## FIVE COMMITMENTS WE MAKE

- 1 Each day will include prayer, either the Daily Office or the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with local congregations or in holy sites like the Judean Desert, the Mount of Beatitudes, and the ruins of Emmaus.
- 2 We will pray for one another in assigned prayer partnerships, and through our shared meals, we will create lasting relationships with our fellow pilgrims.
- 3 We commit to deepening our relationship to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem by praying with our sisters and brothers and celebrating their ministries, such as at the Princess Basma Center, a safe, healing place for children with disabilities.
- 4 While this pilgrimage is not a political tour, we commit to bearing witness to the experience of Christians, Muslims, and Jews through our travels and in several evening presentations.
- 5 While the itinerary is always tentative, given political and pandemic uncertainties in the region, we commit to providing an equally appealing alternative if our plans should change.

## WHERE WE STAY

### IN JERUSALEM

#### ST. GEORGE'S GUESTHOUSE



Accommodations are well regarded here at the guesthouse adjacent to St. George's Cathedral, and the gardens are sublime.

Accommodations are a bit monastic here but the rooms are very well kept, and the central location and breathtaking rooftop views don't disappoint.

### IN NAZARETH

#### SISTERS OF NAZARETH CONVENT





### WHO ARE OUR LEADERS?

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutiérrez is the pilgrimage's spiritual leader. The Rev. Canon Matthew Dayton-Welch coordinates logistics before and during the trip, and Canon Iyad Qumri, a Palestinian Episcopalian with decades of experience making pilgrimages meaningful, is our local guide.

### HOW ARE WE GETTING THERE?

Pilgrims will have the opportunity to book their own flight to Tel Aviv from the airport of their choice, maximizing travel flexibility. Airport arrival information and tips on traveling from the airport to Jerusalem will be provided. Occasionally ground travel can be arranged if several flight times align.

### WHAT WILL I NEED TO TRAVEL?

A passport not to expire before October 1st, 2023. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens. Pilgrims must be vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide documentation.

### AM I HEALTHY ENOUGH?

There is a fair amount of walking on this pilgrimage, much of it uphill or on uneven terrain, and some sites require the use of stairs. On-site lectures often require standing, and much of the day is spent outside. Some churches use ample incense which may upset some allergies. The pilgrimage leaders will make every effort to accommodate your physical needs but may ask that you sit a particular activity out or help you craft an alternative personal day if you are unable to keep up with the group.

### MAY I INVITE A FRIEND?

Of course! While the pilgrimage is rooted in Anglican spirituality, it is open to all people.

### WHAT ELSE MAY I EXPECT?

Canon Dayton-Welch is available to answer any questions you might have. Expect a reading list, and tips on packing and pandemic travel. You'll have your own custom prayer book and an opportunity to meet your fellow pilgrims at an orientation reception prior to the trip.



# \$3,700

## INCLUDES

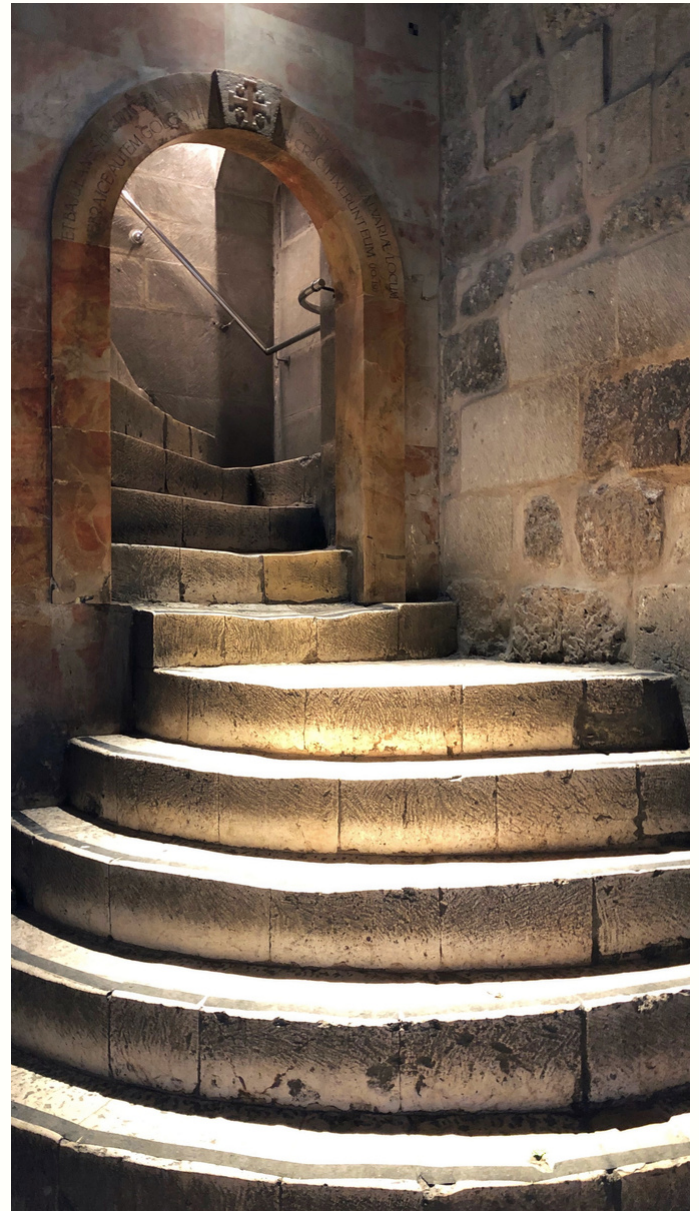
- double-occupancy lodging
- all meals in-country
- ground transportation in Israel in a deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach
- guiding fees
- all entrance fees
- guest speaker fees
- tips for restaurant and hotel staff
- bus driver and guide
- pre-trip reception and prayer book
- donation to support the ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem

## DOES NOT INCLUDE

- airfare
- ground transportation to and from airports in US and Israel
- medical and travel insurance
- some personal expenses like bottled beverages, alcohol, or souvenirs
- COVID-19 testing expenses

## SINGLE ROOMS

- A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$560



## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Non-refundable deposit of \$700 due upon registration.
- \$1,000 due by December 1st, 2022.
- Final balance, including single supplement if applicable, is due by Feb. 1st. 2023.

## CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

- All payments are non-refundable once received.
- **Pilgrims must obtain travel insurance with a cancellation clause.** The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania organizes this pilgrimage at cost, and while every effort will be made to refund when feasible, it cannot refund funds already expended, allocated for expense, or dispersed to our travel partners.
- All notice of cancellations must be received and acknowledged in writing.
- If the trip is cancelled by the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania or Qumri Pilgrimages due to pandemic-related travel concerns, all funds minus the \$700 deposit will be refunded.
- The proposed itinerary is subject to change, and refunds are not available should the pilgrimage not include a particular site.



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NAME (EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT)

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PASSPORT NUMBER

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COUNTRY OF ISSUE

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EXPIRATION DATE

NOTE: THE EXPIRATION DATE MUST NOT BE BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2023, **OR ENTRY INTO ISRAEL MAY BE DENIED**. PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT'S INFORMATION PAGE TO THIS REGISTRATION FORM, ALONG WITH YOUR DEPOSIT.

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ADDRESS

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CITY

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STATE

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ZIP CODE

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EMAIL

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PHONE (HOME OR OFFICE)

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PHONE (CELL)

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EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME

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RELATIONSHIP

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PHONE (BEST NUMBER)

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PARISH AFFILIATION, IF ANY

## ROOM TYPE

\_\_\_ SHARED DOUBLE BED WITH SPOUSE IN SHARED ROOM

\_\_\_ TWIN BED IN SHARED ROOM FOR TWO

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I REQUEST TO ROOM WITH

WE ARE HAPPY TO ARRANGE ROOM PAIRINGS SHOULD YOU BE TRAVELING SOLO AND WOULD LIKE A ROOMMATE.

\_\_\_ SINGLE BED IN PRIVATE ROOM

NOTE: THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SINGLE ROOMS, AND THERE IS A \$560 SUPPLEMENT CHARGE FOR EACH SINGLE ROOM. THESE ARE ASSIGNED ON REQUEST BASED ON EARLIEST DEPOSIT AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR.

## PERMISSION FOR PUBLICITY

DURING THE PILGRIMAGE, THE GROUP'S LEADERS OR PARTICIPANTS MIGHT MAKE PHOTO, AUDIO, OR VIDEO RECORDS THAT INCLUDE TRIP PARTICIPANTS. I CONSENT TO THE USE OF ANY SUCH AUDIO OR VISUAL RECORD TO BE USED, DISTRIBUTED OR DISPLAYED AS AGENTS OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ITS CHURCHES SEE FIT.

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I GIVE PERMISSION FOR PUBLICITY (PLEASE SIGN)

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER FORM, I ATTEST THAT I AM PHYSICALLY ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES, UNLESS I HAVE ALREADY ADDRESSED ANY ISSUES WITH THE PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS INVOLVED WITH TRAVEL. I RELEASE THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ITS AGENTS, AFFILIATES, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS OF ALL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ANY INJURIES TO BODY OR PROPERTY WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING THE COURSE OF THE PILGRIMAGE. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY IN WHICH I AM UNABLE TO RESPOND, AND MY EMERGENCY CONTACT CANNOT BE REACHED, I AUTHORIZE THE PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR TO MAKE ANY IMMEDIATE MEDICAL DECISIONS AND ADMINISTER OR SOLICIT FIRST AID AS DEEMED NECESSARY. I FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ITS AGENTS, AFFILIATES, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE PILGRIMAGE OR AS A RESULT OF INJURY OR ILLNESS I SUSTAIN DURING SAID ACTIVITIES.

☒ I REPRESENT THAT I AM THE PARTICIPANT, AND I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER FORM AND AM FULLY AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS THEREOF.

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PLEASE PRINT NAME

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PLEASE SIGN

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DATE OF SIGNING





**YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL.** THE PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR WILL ONLY SHARE THIS INFORMATION AS NEEDED, EITHER TO PREPARE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION OR IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

**WHAT MEDICAL INFORMATION WOULD WE NEED TO TELL A DOCTOR IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FOR YOURSELF, INCLUDING ABOUT MEDICATIONS?**

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**ALLERGIES**

**DIETARY RESTRICTIONS**

**ANY OTHER INFORMATION WE SHOULD KNOW PRIOR TO OR DURING THE PILGRIMAGE?**

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## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

ALL PILGRIMS MUST BE VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ISRAELI MINISTRY OF HEALTH. THIS MIGHT MEAN ADDITIONAL BOOSTERS ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO TRAVEL. GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL REGISTERED PILGRIMS.

**VACCINE MAKER**

**DATE OF 1ST SHOT**

**DATE OF 2ND SHOT**

**BOOSTERS  
IF APPLICABLE**

**DATE OF 1ST BOOSTER**

**DATE OF 2ND BOOSTER**

## AGREEMENTS

BY INITIALING AND SIGNING BELOW, I CONFIRM THAT I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

\_\_\_\_\_ I WILL HAVE A VALID PASSPORT THAT DOES NOT EXPIRE BEFORE OCT. 1, 2023.  
INITIAL

\_\_\_\_\_ MODERATE WALKING, INCLUDING CARRYING MY LUGGAGE FOR SHORT  
INITIAL DISTANCES, IS PART OF THIS PILGRIMAGE.

\_\_\_\_\_ I WILL OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE AND RELY ON  
INITIAL THIS INSURANCE FOR ALL RESTITUTION.

\_\_\_\_\_ MY REGISTRATION INCLUDES A NON-REFUNDABLE \$700 DEPOSIT. I  
INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA MAKES NO  
GUARANTEE TO REFUND ANY FURTHER PAYMENTS FOR ANY PURPOSE UNLESS THE  
TRIP IS CANCELLED BY THE DIOCESE OR QUMRI PILGRIMAGES, ALTHOUGH I  
UNDERSTAND IT WILL ATTEMPT TO DO SO IF FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE.

\_\_\_\_\_ I AGREE TO MAKE PAYMENTS PER THE SCHEDULE. IF MY PAYMENTS ARE  
INITIAL DELAYED, MY PARTICIPATION MAY BE IN JEOPARDY.

\_\_\_\_\_ SHOULD I CANCEL MY PARTICIPATION, I MUST NOTIFY THE PILGRIMAGE  
INITIAL COORDINATOR IN WRITING.

\_\_\_\_\_ I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS, INCLUDING THOSE  
INITIAL PERTAINING TO VACCINES AND MASKING, MINDFUL THAT THESE  
PROTOCOLS MIGHT CHANGE PRIOR TO OR DURING THE PILGRIMAGE, OR  
CAUSE ME TO AMEND MY TRAVEL PLANS AT MY EXPENSE.

**SIGN HERE**

## TO COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION, PLEASE SUBMIT . . .

- A COMPLETED REGISTRATION PAGE
- THE SIGNED PERMISSIONS AND RELEASES PAGE
- THE HEALTH INFORMATION PAGE
- THE AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS PAGE (THIS PAGE)
- A \$700 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (BY CHECK PLEASE MADE OUT TO "EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA" WITH "HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE" IN THE MEMO. ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS MAY BE ARRANGED BY CREDIT CARD.)
- A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT'S INFORMATION PAGE

. . . TO:

THE REV. CANON MATTHEW DAYTON-WELCH  
C/O SAINT ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
3625 CHAPEL ROAD  
NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA 19073

(ALL BUT THE CHECK MAY BE SENT VIA EMAIL TO:  
RECTOR@STALBANSNEWTOWNSQUARE.ORG)