



JANUARY 2027 DELEGATION / UPDATE

UCC Movement for Palestinian Solidarity

WITH PARTNERS AT THE SABEEL ECUMENICAL
LIBERATION THEOLOGY CENTER IN PALESTINE

January 20 to January 29, 2027

June 16, 2026

Dear Colleagues, Friends and Siblings,

Thanks for your interest in our first UCCMPS Delegation—organized in grateful partnership with the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Palestine. This delegation is a response to the urgent cry for ‘costly solidarity’ coming from Palestinian Christians and partners in the region. It’s our belief that solidarity and mutual liberation walk hand in hand.

As you probably know, we’d hoped to travel together this summer (August 5-14), but were unable to pull that off due to the US/Israeli assault on Iran and Lebanon. Relying on the extensive experience of our Sabeel partners, we’re confident that we’ll be able to travel next January. And we’re ready to move in that direction.

Here’s what you need to know:

1. **DATES:** Our new delegation dates are January 20, 2027 through January 29, 2027. You read more about the particular purpose and shape of this experience on the attached: 2027 DELEGATION PROPOSAL.
2. **REGISTRATION:** *Whether you have or have not* filled out the first 2026 Registration Form, we’re requiring 2027 delegates to fill out the new 2027 Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/szs6XLv862mvSMWR7>

This is a fresh start for us, so please fill this online form out soon; our Sabeel partners will follow up to confirm your place in the delegation itself.

3. **SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE:** We anticipate that the land cost for one will be \$2100 (with a \$400 deduction if you share a room). That does not include your travel to and from Israel/Palestine. Understanding that this is steep, we have begun to raise funds and apply for grants to defray part of this cost for some delegates.

If you would find that helpful—or even essential to your participation—please fill out this form so that our UCCMPS team can act as generously as possible to make this delegation possible for you. Here’s the link:

<https://officeccd.breezechms.com/form/02d0ae>

4. **GETTING TOGETHER:** There will be two offerings this fall, to get delegates together, and introduce us to one another and the purpose of this trip. The first is optional; the second is required.

(Optional) A MOMENT OF TRUTH/ “Faith in a Time of Genocide”

For those with time and interest, we’ll be hosting three sessions on the curriculum developed alongside the Kairos Palestine 2025 document. These will be hour-long Zoom sessions on September 24, October 8 and October 22. Watch for details and a Zoom link—if you’re registered for the delegation—as the summer rolls along.

See the Guide to this Curriculum Here:

<https://www.kairosresponse.org/kp2guide.html>

FOSNA: Orientation

All delegates are asked to attend two orientation sessions later in the Fall (November/December). These sessions will focus on the particulars of travel, your questions and the particular hopes and expectations of our Sabeel hosts in Palestine. As you register for the January delegation, you’ll receive more details on these important sessions.

Thanks so much for taking all this in, and for responding as you’re able!

If you have questions, don’t hesitate to be in touch: Dave Grishaw-Jones, Delegation Team Convener, davidgj@ccdurham.org, 831-706-6819.

With purpose and in peace,

Dave Grishaw-Jones
UCCMPS

Easy Notes:

QUICK UPDATE / What you can do now:

1. Register! Use this link to register now: <https://forms.gle/szs6XLv862mvSMWR7>.
Note that ***you should register AGAIN*** if you registered for the August 2026 delegation.
2. Share the word! Use the email/documents here, forward to pastors, colleagues and organizers in your movements and congregations!
3. Scholarship Assistance: Use this link to let us know you'd welcome scholarship assistance for the January 2027 delegation:
<https://officeccd.breezechms.com/form/02d0ae>
4. Calendar our "Moment of Truth" sessions for conversation and connection among delegations: Sept 24, October 8 and 22. 8 to 9 East Coast Time.

LINKS:

SABEEL IN PALESTINE: www.sabeel.org

FOSNA (Friends of Sabeel in North America): www.fosna.org

UCCMPS: www.uccmps.org.