



June 7, 2018

Dear Mennonite Church Saskatchewan,

Re: Palestine Land Exercise

In 2016, at the MC Canada Assembly in Saskatoon, delegates passed a resolution on Palestine and Israel to support a just peace and to deepen our understanding of the Palestine-Israel relationship through the study of educational materials.

Through its recent initiative, *A Cry for Home*, MCC has developed the Palestine Land Exercise, a 90-minute experiential learning tool designed to help participants learn more about the history and current context of Palestine and Israel. It is very similar to the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, which teaches the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada in an experiential way.

The Palestine Land Exercise takes place in a large room where the floor becomes the land of historic Palestine. Cloths and ribbons demarcate changing boundaries. A few simple props add visual effects. Participants become the people of the land. Guided by a narrator using a prepared script and a facilitator, the participants "walk through" over 100 years of history. Participants move about on the "land," carry out simple actions as requested, and read scrolls containing brief stories.

The first half of the 90-minute session is the actual exercise. The second half is for a time of reflection and discussion about the experience. If necessary, the two parts can be done in two separate sessions.

If you are interested in having someone facilitate the Palestine Land Exercise for your congregation or study group, please contact MCC's Program Director Amanda Dodge at amandadodge@mccsk.ca or (306) 665-2555.

Yours truly,

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Ryan Siemens
Executive Minister
Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

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Eileen Klassen Hamm
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