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Invitation to MEPI (Middle East Peace Initiative) interfaith pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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Dear Friend of Peace,

The ACLC National Executive Committee is delighted to invite you to the next MEPI (Middle East Peace Initiative) interfaith pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The tour begins in Jerusalem on May 14th and concludes May 19th. So, when you make your flight arrangements, please plan to depart on May 13th. Tour details and registration materials will be sent to you shortly. There is a \$900 registration fee which includes your conference materials, hotel accommodations, conference meals, ground transportation and touring in the Holy Land.

Over a thousand ACLC pastors have participated in over 30 MEPI pilgrimages since 2003. The purpose of these tours is to help foster peace in the Holy Land, centering on the unity of the Abrahamic faiths.

The first tour concluded with the signing of the historic Jerusalem Declaration on May 18, 2003. On that day, one hundred twenty Jewish religious leaders and one hundred twenty Christian religious leaders sat together, apologized for past abuses and misunderstandings, and determined to bring peace to the Middle East. Then, on December 22, 2003, three thousand Jews, Muslims and Christians gathered in the heart of Jerusalem for a Peace Rally. On that day Jewish leaders presented a crown and robe to Jesus, as the King of Peace.

May 18, 2013 marks the tenth anniversary of the signing of the historic Jerusalem Declaration, and the ACLC and the Universal Peace Federation are co-sponsoring a commemorative pilgrimage in Israel. We hope you'll join us.

Please see the attached invitation from Dr. Chang Shik Yang, who led past MEPI tours as the Chairman of ACLC. He is now serving as the International Vice Chairman of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

The main event will be the anniversary celebration of the "Jerusalem Declaration" on May 18th. On that day, there will be a "peace walk" in the Old City of Jerusalem and visits to the "Western Wall", the "Dome of the Rock", and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, concluding with a special banquet program in the evening.

As in past pilgrimages, the program will include tours of Holy sites. (Details will follow.) If you are interested in participating please call Mrs. Margaret Herbers at the number above.

We encourage you to join this commemorative MEPI interfaith pilgrimage.

Fraternally yours,

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+Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr.
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