



Alongside Hope

Anglicans and partners working for change
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Dear friends at St. Clement Anglican Church,

All of us at Alongside Hope were so inspired to hear about your film night around the movie *Where Olive Trees Weep* (a film I have not seen – yet!) It sounds like your event was a great success, with the opening reception, film viewing, and panel discussion, which was no doubt extremely informative. Congratulations on gathering 100 caring and concerned individuals wanting to learn more about the realities of life for Palestinians living in Gaza and the West Bank. We will be happy to share Archbishop John Stephens' letter about Gaza with our partners. I am sure it will bring comfort and hope where it is very much needed.

Thank you for letting us know that the new name was helpful when sharing information about our work in Gaza, along with that of the Anglican Church. It is encouraging for us to hear that feedback and to know that people are relating to "Alongside Hope" and all that these words mean as we work alongside our partners.

We are deeply grateful that you encouraged attendees to support our Gaza and West Bank Emergency Response Fund. Alongside Hope is supporting a Canadian Foodgrains Bank food assistance program led by Mennonite Central Committee. In February 2025, the MCC shipped 4,000 food packages into Gaza, as well as facilitated a local purchase of food packages for 700 Gazan households. The MCC is currently procuring 4,000 additional essential food packages that will be delivered to Gaza within the coming weeks.

The Anglican Alliance, which Alongside Hope is a member of, recently extended their aid initiative for an additional six months to maximize the significant impact on vulnerable people, continuing the provision of basic needs like health, education, and psychosocial support for children.

Alongside Hope has also supported the Al Ahli Arab Hospital, where between October and December 2024, critical care was provided for 781 patients and support for 4,476 families; the hospital's outreach clinic in Al Mawasi supported 108 patients and 540 families. Sadly, the hospital was bombed on Palm Sunday, rendering it mostly non-operational. We will continue praying for and supporting the diocese of Jerusalem as they determine next steps for the hospital, staff and patients.



Thank you to everyone at St. Clement Church for their care, concern and support. We are grateful for your partnership as we work together, especially in these challenging times, towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world.

In gratitude,

Carolyn Cummins
Director, Fundraising and Supporter Relations