

**Partnership with Sumud: For Justice in Palestine and Israel**

**WHEREAS**, Sumud: For Justice in Palestine and Israel (Sumud) is the ELCA’s response to occupation and injustice in Palestine and Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, Sumud is an Arabic word meaning “steadfastness,” a term widely used by Palestinian theologians to signify Palestinian resistance to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands and people; and

**WHEREAS**, Sumud connects ELCA members to our companions in the Holy Land and seeks to follow the guidance, support the leadership and amplify the voices of our Palestinian partners primarily with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land; and

**WHEREAS**, Through Sumud, the ELCA supports a viable, contiguous Palestinian state; a secure Israeli state at peace with its Arab neighbors; and a shared Jerusalem with equal access and rights for Jews, Muslims and Christians; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod be encouraged to join in the work of accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising of the Sumud network, and to utilize its resources (<https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/sumud>); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Synod Council will designate a Sumud Ministry Team to expand the justice, advocacy, awareness-raising, and service ministries of Sumud in and through the Greater Milwaukee Synod and its congregations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Sumud Ministry Team nominate a Synod Sumud Ambassador for a term not to exceed two years, and that this nomination be ratified by the Synod Council.

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