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Hope and Resilience in the Holy Land - Your Support Needed

Dear Friends,

During this Easter season, we are filled with hope even amidst the ongoing tensions in the Holy Land. Christ's Resurrection reminds us of the power of faith to bring positive change and transformation. Although our communities and institutions are facing tremendous challenges from the continuing conflict in Gaza, the West Bank and throughout the region, we have nevertheless witnessed their incredible resilience rooted in faith and love, leading to a hope-filled life in the Resurrection that brings victory.

From this resilience, our communities and institutions continue to be beacons of hope and peace—and quite often, in dark places. As one of our therapists in Gaza shared: “My motivation comes from love—for the work, the city, and the people. Despite the challenges, my presence offers hope to children and families.” Such compassion inspires us. It shows us that even out of the darkness of Good Friday, the light of Christ continues to spring forth from the tomb, transforming despair into hope, hardship into healing, and challenges into opportunities.

Your partnership with the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) is a crucial part of this transformation. Your generosity enables us to provide essential aid—food, medical care, education, and spiritual support—to those affected by war, economic hardship, and political instability. It allows us to offer those we serve not just resources, but also the hope that comes from knowing that they are loved and not forgotten.

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem remains committed to raising up hope and rebuilding lives. Through your partnership, we see small but powerful victories

every day, examples of healing, recovery, and restoration. And so we are grateful for all your prayerful and generous support.

This Easter, please join us in sharing this love. Your gift, of any size, is an act of faith and goodwill. It is a sharing in the transformation of lives. Together, we can make a tangible difference now and for many generations to come.

May God bless you this Easter season and beyond. Alleluia, Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a cross symbol on the left and a large, stylized flourish that loops around the signature.

The Most Reverend Dr. Hosam E. Naoum
Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Please make a gift today to support the vital work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. To donate online, visit www.afedj.org/give/give-online/.

If you prefer to send a check, please make it payable to “AFEDJ” and mail it in the enclosed return envelope. Your generosity provides healing, hope, and relief to those facing hardship across the Holy Land. Thank you for your partnership and support.