

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER/FALL EVENTS



**Gun Violence Prevention
God is Doing a New Thing---**
James Atwood

[Institute for Congregational Courage](#)
Aug. 22-25

As part of the Presbyterian
Decade 2 End Gun Violence ,
PPF is thrilled to launch a daring new initiative.

**[An Overture
Calling for Action so that Children May live
Free from Gun Violence..](#)**

PPF also supports a call by 12 Presbyteries to
identify ways in which they can take part in
gun violence prevention.

**STAY TUNED-
Fall Seminar....
September 11-November 16th.**

A five- week church engagement program
designed to both inform and engage church
and their community partners in developing
sustainable ways to address violence in their
neighborhoods as well as throughout the City
of Atlanta. Participants will receive an *on the-
ground* toolkit, attend seminars addressing
issues of trauma and the emotional impact of
violence. Contact

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2024

International Peace Maker

Zoughbi Zoughbi,

Palestine



Will Come to Atlanta

Proposed dates

October 1-7, 2024

Gatherings at

Local Churches ,Community Programs-TBA

*[https://www.howwechangetheworld.co/episodes/
zoughbi-zoughbi](https://www.howwechangetheworld.co/episodes/zoughbi-zoughbi)*

**Zoughbi Zoughbi : A Palestinian Leader Resisting
Occupation Through Non-violence**





**Migration-focused entity features
PC(USA) partners in Central America**
by Scott O'Neill | Presbyterian News Service

The Calvinist Reformed Church of El Salvador (IRCES) has spent the last two years organizing stakeholders and leading the discernment process for forming the new network, with the support of PC(USA) mission co-worker Joseph Russ. The network is a creation born from a General Assembly resolution proposed by the Presbytery of the Pacific on behalf of the church in El Salvador, a PC(USA) partner church, and approved by the 223rd General Assembly in 2018. Aspirations for the new network, shared by some participants leading up to this week's conference, include:

1. Coordinating across borders for consistency and reform
2. Building spiritual and emotional practices to be able to face the difficulties of migration
3. Telling stories and spreading counter-narratives
4. Advocating for fair, consistent and humane asylum policies.

The network is currently developing resources for education and advocacy grounded in migration theology for congregations looking to engage on migration.

**HOW YOU CAN
HELP OUR
IMMIGRANT
FRIENDS
SEEKING ASYLUM**



The New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta is supporting one asylee and two asylee-seekers who are living in Columbia Presbyterian Church by providing them a home, food, medical care and legal support. It takes a loving community to support them, and you can help!

- 1 DONATE**
Donations help our asylee friends to buy food, clothes, supplies, pay for medical and dental expenses, pay for legal fees, provide transportation, and other expenses. You can donate online. *Donation information is on the back of this flyer.*
- 2 BECOME A FRIEND**
Make a friend with one of our asylees by building a new relationship with these very special people. Take him or her out for a meal, get a cup of coffee, or plan an outing to a local event or participate with them in a community activity.
- 3 INTRODUCE OUR FRIENDS TO YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY**
Invite our asylee friends to share their stories with your faith community.

***There Are Three Ways to Give Money
To Support Our Asylees:***

Donations Are Tax Deductible

- 1**
Through the Columbia Presbyterian Church donation link (select NSMA from the donation list and then type "Asylee Support Fund" in the note window).

The link is located on the church homepage:
www.epdecatur.org

- 2**
Or mail your check made out to:
Columbia Presbyterian Church
711 Columbia Drive • Decatur, GA 30030
(write *Asylee Support Fund* on the memo line)

- 3**
Host a Fundraiser for our Asylee Friends
This is a great way to support our Asylees as well as to share with your friends how they can support them!

For more information about how to financially support our asylee friends, or learning more about how to volunteer, please contact us at:

sanctuarymovementofatlanta@gmail.com
or leave a voicemail at Columbia Presbyterian Church

404-284-2441

Link to view the six-part video on Life in a Detention Center:
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/8449827>