

# PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

September, 2024

## SUMMER/FALL EVENTS



**End Gun Violence**  
You are invited to send one or more representatives from your church to learn how your faith community can take an active role in preventing gun violence.

**Saturday, September 7 from 10 a.m.-Noon**  
Columbia Presbyterian Church  
711 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30030

- Special Guest Speaker
- Resources including the latest PCUSA Toolkit
- Contact Brenda Smith at [joycee1@att.net](mailto:joycee1@att.net) to register or for more information.

**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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Tom Hagood- [revtomhagood@gmail.com](mailto:revtomhagood@gmail.com)



*This group originated during an interdenominational meeting in Washington, D.C. in September 2011 organized by the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation for faith community organizers wishing to connect, coordinate, strategize, and support one another in their activism in a more intentional way, particularly on BDS campaigns.*

2024

*International Peace Maker*

*Zoughbi Zoughbi,*

*Palestine*



## 2024 INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER ITINERARY

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### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2ND

12:30 Arrival - Atlanta Hartfield Jackson Airport  
3 - 5 pm - TBD  
6 - 8 pm- Welcome Reception Mission Haven  
235 Inman Dr., Decatur GA 30030

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 3RD

10 - 12 noon- Columbia Presbyterian Church, 711 S. Columbia Dr  
INVITED GUESTS: All SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Youth Justice & Peace Grp.  
2 - 4pm - Atlanta Presbytery Central Office.???

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH

9 - 11 am - TBD  
12 noon - Mosque Service  
3 - 5 pm Radio Interview???

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH

9 - 11 am Oakhurst Presbyterian Church  
118 2nd Ave. Decatur, GA 30030  
2 - 4 pm - TBD  
5 - 7:30 pm - Party/Jane Royall [Private Residence]

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH

9 - 10 am - Covenant Presbyterian Church: Sunday Bible Study  
11 - 12:30 pm -Covenant Presbyterian Church-World Communion Sunday

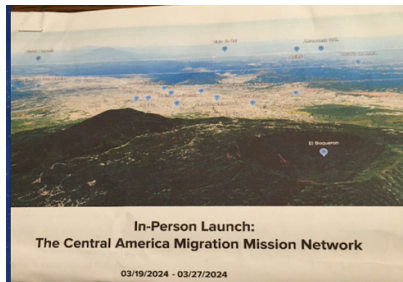
### MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH

8:00 am Departure - Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson Airport



**AMIS - SAVE THE DATE: 46th AMIS ATLANTA WELCOME RECEPTION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024, 2 PM at GT Coda Tech Square Plaza.**

*Tickets are FREE, however, they encourage volunteers to donate to the Welcome Reception fundraiser to help support this year's event. Register at [www.amisatlanta.org/welcome](http://www.amisatlanta.org/welcome)*



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



## Congregations Across the Country are Going Solar

We have been overjoyed to hear stories of more and more congregations making the transition to solar energy. With resources like state and local incentives, denominational financing options, and federal funding through the IRA, installing solar in your house of worship is more attainable than ever.

If you think your congregation might be a good candidate for going solar, check out our [solar resources for congregations](#) web page to learn more! And if you need a little inspiration, [read some short stories](#) about congregations that have gone solar.



### Another Weekend of Service and Hope

*Also, buy your ticket for an Evening with Rebecca Sharpless on Sept. 11, and become a monthly donor so El Refugio can collect \$100*

