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## The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)

EAPPI is a programme of the World Council of Churches. It was set up in 2002 after the heads of Churches in Jerusalem called for a protective international presence in the Occupied Territories.

EAPPI supports Palestinians and Israelis in their non-violent actions and advocacy efforts to bring a just peace to the Holy Land.

Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) come from around the world to spend three months in Israel and Palestine experiencing the impact of occupation on people's lives. Wearing distinctive vests, they provide protective presence to vulnerable communities. They monitor and report human rights abuses, collect data for other agencies, and accompany Palestinians and Israelis working for peace.

Back at home, former EAs campaign for a just peace through international law and an end to Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. EAPPI's primary mandate is International Humanitarian Law, a series of universal rules designed to protect civilians in armed conflict.



"You are doing an excellent job. By walking our children to school and playing with them, you protect them (from attacks by settlers) and they forget about their fear. Thank you!"

Hashem, Palestinian from Hebron

### EAPPI's placements

EAs are stationed in six placements. Many of the communities they work with suffer from violence and harassment by armed Israeli settlers and have little protection from the Israeli authorities. Most have lost land to Israeli settlements or to the separation wall that slices up the West Bank. Some face being evicted from their houses, then seeing them demolished or taken over by Israeli settlers. Some must endure humiliation and abuse at checkpoints daily, when trying to get into Israel for work. EAs provide protective presence to vulnerable communities, collect data and case studies for international agencies, and give a voice to those who have none.

### Work with local churches

EAPPI was founded in response to a call from the heads of churches in Jerusalem. EAs are involved with local churches and Christian-related organizations and their projects in Palestine and Israel.

### Work with Israeli peace groups

EAPPI works closely with Israeli peace and human rights organizations calling for an end to the occupation. During their term, EAs spend time meeting and demonstrating with these groups and learning about their work. This feeds into EAs' advocacy work back home.



"The Jerusalem vigil of Women in Black is deeply appreciative of the supportive presence of EAs every Friday. They are an important source of strength that helps sustain us in our activity."

Gila Svirsky, Israeli peace campaigner.

### Global advocacy work

EAs' work goes beyond what they experience in the field. When they return to their home countries, EAs take those stories home. They give lectures, write for the media, organize campaigns and lobby their parliaments to support a just peace in the Middle East.

EAs come from many social and cultural backgrounds and the programme is open to people of all faiths and none. But we share a common goal: accompanying, witnessing and demonstrating solidarity with all who call for a just peace in Israel and Palestine.