



To the Colleagues of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel

Dear Friends,

Greetings of peace!

We have received your kind invitation to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI) on 3 November 2012 in Jerusalem. Although we cannot be present we sincerely congratulate the EAPPI colleagues and all the accompaniers who made an important step in their personal lives.

Pax Christi International is a co-founding NGO of this programme, and several of its Member Organisations have been sending some of their members. The International Secretariat also regularly reports about the EAPPI events in the monthly Newsletter. The programme, which began in 2002, received a specific call from the Churches of Jerusalem: "We need action." And it is still needed!

The EAPPI is a concrete way of supporting Palestinians and Israelis working for peace by monitoring and reporting violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, offering protection by accompanying local communities in daily activities, and by advocating with churches for a peaceful end to the Occupation. Many accompaniers report back and do advocacy in their home countries, as well as at the regional level such as within the European Union. They became active advocates for just peace in the region.

In addition to its support to EAPPI, Pax Christi International remains active in the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF) and this December, is planning a regional consultation with partners from the Middle East in Amman.

We celebrate with you this anniversary and are grateful for your positive presence in the region reminding us that peace is possible.

Brussels, 24 October 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "José Henriques", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

José Henriques
Secretary General