



Take Courage Advent Advocacy Summit

December 9-10, 2018 | Washington, D.C.

Sunday, December 9th- 2-9p

**United Methodist Building Conference Rooms 1 and 2
100 Maryland Ave NE
Washington, DC 20002**

2-5p: Speakers and Panels

2:00 to 2:30 Welcome and mingling. Coffee and cookies.

2:30 to 2:40 Introductions and Welcome

2:40 to 3:00 Opening address, Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon (CMEP)

3:00 to 4:15 Discussion: "Take Courage" ... Major Concerns affecting Christians in the Middle East and Palestine

Beth Nelson Chase - Bright Stars of Bethlehem
Maher Massis - Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace

4:15 to 4:30 Break

4:30 to 5:30 Panel Discussion: Effective Advocacy Addressing Humanitarian Concerns from funding cuts to Refugees and the Palestinian Community

Kyle Cristofalo

Janeen Rashmawi

Laila Mokhiber, UNRWA USA

Hani Almadhoun, ANERA

Maya Berry, AAI

5:45-6:30p: Invitation to Public Action

7:00-9p: Reception on Capitol Hill (address provided to participants)

Monday Dec. 10 9-5

9-10:30a: Speakers

9 a.m. Welcome - Coffee

9:15 a.m. Opening Prayer

9:30 to 10:30 Multi-faith Panel

Navigating Faith and Fault Lines: Courage and Compassion in Interfaith Exchange

Colin Christopher, ISNA

Nermien Read, Coptic Orphans

Rabbi Jeffrey Saxe, Rodef Shalom

10:30 to 10:40 Transition to Congressional Meetings and info about the Briefing

10:40 to 10:45 Closing Blessing

Congressional briefing

1-2 pm Cannon 121

In August, the Trump Administration announced its decision to reprogram over \$200 million in aid appropriated by Congress for the Palestinian people. Concurrently, the President announced the suspension of all U.S. funding for UNRWA, the UN agency which provides emergency food, education, and medical services to over 5 million Palestinian refugees. Leading humanitarian, policy, and religious experts will discuss the devastating impact of the funding cuts on Palestinians. They will also discuss steps Congress can take to support a just and comprehensive end to the conflict in Israel-Palestine.

Speakers:

- Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon
- Dr. Jim Zogby
- Joel Braunold
- Eric Garduno