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**Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) calls for preservation of the Armenian Christian Community While Commemorating the 110th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide  
April 24, 2025**

Washington, D.C. – April 24, 2025, Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) calls for the preservation of the Armenian Christian community in Jerusalem, Nagorno/Karabakh, and around the world, as today marks 110 years since the beginning of the Armenian Genocide, during which 1.5 million Armenians were systematically killed by the Ottoman Empire. In addition, leaders of the Turkish Empire killed Greek, Assyrian, and other Christian minorities living under the Ottoman Empire during the early 20th century. On this solemn anniversary, CMEP joins the global Armenian community and Christians worldwide in remembrance and mourning. We honor the victims and their enduring legacy, remembering not only the lives lost but also the resilience of survivors and their descendants. More than a century later, the Armenian people are still awaiting full acknowledgment and accountability from the perpetrators of this crime against humanity.

We recognize the ongoing struggles of the Armenian community in Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh), where displacement, instability, and loss continue. We are also deeply concerned about threats to the Armenian presence in Jerusalem—a community that has

been an integral part of the city's spiritual, cultural, and historic landscape for centuries. The Armenian Orthodox Patriarchate faces land confiscation and political pressures that threaten the very existence of Armenian Christians in Christianity's holiest city. Across the broader Middle East, Armenian communities face challenges that demand our solidarity and our action. CMEP is committed to advocating for policies rooted in justice, dignity, and peace.

We affirm that remembrance must lead to transformation. We will continue to call for the recognition of the Armenian Genocide and to work toward a future in which the Armenian people and all Christians everywhere can live side-by-side with their neighbors in peace, freedom, and prosperity.

On Sunday, April 27, 2025 CMEP will host a commemorative event at St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church at 125 Fessenden St NW, Washington, DC 20016 titled: ["Faith, Remembrance, and Resilience: Standing Together for Justice and Peace in Commemoration of the Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide"](#) starting at 1pm. The program will host an ecumenical service with remarks by different Christian Faith leaders, a children's performance, and a reception. All are welcome to join us.

We remember. We mourn. We stand with the Armenian Christians and all who suffer oppression and erasure.

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*Formed in 1984, Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) is a coalition of more than 30 national church communions and organizations, including Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, and Evangelical traditions that works to encourage US policies that actively promote a comprehensive resolution to conflicts in the Middle East with a focus on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. CMEP works to mobilize US Christians to embrace a holistic perspective and to be advocates of equality, human rights, security, and justice for Israelis, Palestinians, and all people of the Middle East.*

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## **[Apr 23, 2025 Churches for Middle East Peace \(CMEP\) Mourns the Passing of His Holiness Pope Francis](#)**

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) joins millions of people around the world in mourning the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. We grieve the profound loss of a stalwart leader of the Christian faith—one whose moral clarity, deep compassion, and unrelenting pursuit of justice marked a generation.

## **[Apr 23, 2025 CMEP joins International Aid Agencies in Issuing Alarming Report on Humanitarian Access in Gaza and the West Bank](#)**

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), alongside dozens of international aid and development agencies, released its latest Humanitarian Access Snapshot, covering the period from January 19 to April 15, 2025. The report offers a sobering update on the continued restrictions on humanitarian assistance in Gaza and the West Bank amidst ongoing conflict and military operations.

## **[Apr 21, 2025 Churches for Middle East Peace \(CMEP\) Stands in Solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land, Condemning the Egregious Violations of Religious Freedom during Holy Fire Saturday in Jerusalem](#)**

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) Executive Director Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon reports from her experience at the Holy Fire Service in Jerusalem on Saturday, April 19, 2025 in which Israeli authorities denied thousands of Christian pilgrims the right to worship. CMEP stands in solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land, condemning the egregious violations of religious freedom and amplifying the statement by the Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem on the assaults against worshippers during Holy Fire Saturday.

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