

Churches for Middle East Peace



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local church leaders and congregations

RE: Pray and act for Middle East Peace

President Bush and Secretary Rice are organizing an international meeting dedicated to progress on a peace agreement that would end the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians and create a viable state of Palestine. The meeting will take place in Annapolis, Maryland; the Fall date has not been set.

As the summit is being planned and especially at the time of the summit, we encourage your individual and collective prayers for peace, the Israeli and Palestinian people, the wisdom of the leaders and success of the meeting.

We also urge you to express your hopes for the summit to your members of Congress and ask them to support sustained diplomacy toward Israeli-Palestinian peace. Our website (www.cmep.org) includes CMEP's October 15 letter to Secretary Rice, updates and more information about the summit.

In this mailing, we include a prayer for peace, an insert for your worship bulletin at the time of the summit, and a sample letter that you can send on your church's letterhead to members of Congress with a copy to Secretary Rice. These are also available on our website.

Congressional support for this diplomatic initiative is important. Please call or write to your members of Congress encouraging them to express their support for the summit.

- Call the US Capitol Switchboard (202-224-3121) and the operator will transfer you to the appropriate office.
- Write a letter and email or fax it. Contact information for Congressional offices is available online at websites such as www.congress.org.
- Fax a copy of your letter to Secretary Rice at 202-647-2283.