

Israel International Study Cohort February 6-16, 2023



The Clergy Growth and Renewal Fund has been established by The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas to provide financial support for Elders, Deacons, and Local Pastors under appointment in the Arkansas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church to experience events that promote personal or spiritual growth and perfecting professional skills. Through this fund comes the opportunity for clergy members to participate in our new continuing education event called **The International Study Cohort**.

The International Study Cohort will be a comprehensive international study experience comprised of twenty pastors who will study overseas for the purpose of gaining knowledge and information that will strengthen their preaching in local congregations. *The first study/travel experience will be February 6-16, 2023, with a ten-day excursion to Israel.*

The twenty selected participants will be given pre-trip assignments, plus each participant will be assigned teaching responsibilities while in Israel. As a follow-up, each participant will provide the Foundation with a written evaluation of their experience and the effect on their preaching skills

- The Cohort will be limited to 20 participants.
- Preference will be given to applicants that have not previously traveled to Israel.
- Each participant is expected to contribute \$1,000 to the cost of the experience.
- Each participant may have their spouse (or a family member) accompany them, (but they must pay the full price of \$2,598).

To apply for the **Israel International Study Cohort**, send responses to the following questions to Rev. Mackey Yokem, Director of Leadership Ministries, at myokem@methodistfoundationar.org no later than **Sunday, July 31, 2022.**

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Applicant Questions

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Church Appointment:

1. Have you traveled to Israel? If so, when?
2. How will you commit to faithful study and participate in the pre-trip sessions and leading teaching experiences while in Israel?
3. If you are selected to be a participant, what do you expect to learn and how will you grow from this experience?
4. How do you think this cohort experience will change your ministry and preaching? If so, how?
5. How will you take this experience back to your ministry setting and use it to enhance your ministry and congregation?