

## Welcome New and Returning BOARD MEMBERS

We are so grateful to have a dynamic passionate Board of Directors who guides Pilgrims of Ibillin's mission and management. This year we have three new board members who have stepped up and volunteered their time and talents to further our mission.

### New Board Members:

**Bobby Morris**, Pastor, Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Adjunct Professor, Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies from Prosperity South Carolina

**Wren Shealy**, a Freelance Writer from Charlotte, North Carolina

**James Thomas**, Assoc. Professor of Church and Ministry, Director of African American Ministries Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

Please join us in welcoming all Board Members who are listed for your reference on the newsletter mailing panel.

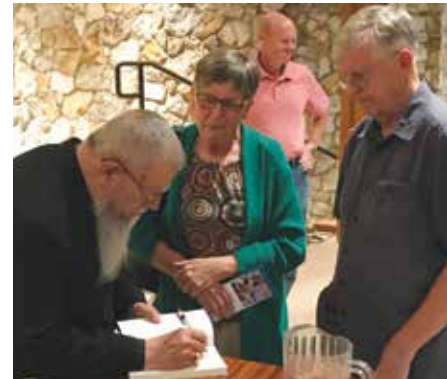
## Celebrating a Visit from Father Chacour



Pilgrims of Ibillin is delighted to have hosted Father Elias Chacour in the United States in May, and enjoyed his continuing zeal to share about life at MEEI with old friends and new. Abuna addressed hundreds of friends in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and North Carolina, spreading his message of building a lasting peace through education.

Abuna reconnected with friends from decades past, including several from the genesis of Pilgrims of Ibillin at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

He also had the opportunity to share his story with a new community at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, as well as with groups at Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. Abuna proved his ongoing and miraculous energy for the future of this beloved school. Joining him was Emil Haloun, educator at Mar Elias high school and global liaison for MEEI. Their visit sparked conversations about prior pilgrimages to the Holy Land as well as the formation of newly inspired supporters.



## Building Lasting Peace Through Education





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## Address Service Requested

**Thank you board members, volunteers, and Pilgrims from across the states.  
You made Abuna's visit a success!**



## Upcoming Pilgrimage

**Visit the Holy Land and Living Stones  
October 12-25, 2019**

Contact: Pilgrimage Coordinator  
Rev. Joan Deming  
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Dear Pilgrims Family,  
Thank you for your support of justice and peace through education in Israel and Palestine through your prayers, gifts, participation, and pilgrimages.



Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright

With joy,  
*Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright*

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