

## Therese Taylor-Stinson Reports on Next Church's Recent "Holy Land Pilgrimage" at Upcoming June 25 Presbytery "Open Space" Program

Well-known and well-loved NCP figure **Elder Therese Taylor-Stinson**, head of our Presbytery's **Race and Reconciliation Team** and a former NCP moderator, participated in PCUSA Next Church's ten-day trip to Israel and Palestine just four weeks ago (May 19-28) and will share her experiences with us at an Open Space program on **June 25, 4pm-5:15pm**, in the Choir Room at National Presbyterian Church.



**Therese (right) and co-traveler the Rev. Lakesha Bradshaw** are seen wading in the Sea of Galilee in the photo below. Therese expects to be joined by other National Capital Presbytery leaders who participated in this exciting venture in the Holy Land. Therese and the others will provide their perspectives on the Presbyterian travel group's visits with Palestinians and Israelis in Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Masada, and other Holy Land sites. The trip's purpose was to gain a deeper understanding of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, and to be able to look at the conflict alongside our American experience of racism.

**Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb**, pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, explains the harsh realities of the Israeli Occupation to Therese and the other Next Church visitors.



**Therese (left) at table with Next Church Director, the Rev. Jessica Tate (center), who led the ten-day trip, and the Rev. Whitney Fautleroy.**

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