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My Dear Friends,

I have long dreamt of traveling to the Holy Land to see the places I have only visited through my mind's eye reading of our sacred texts. I've been told walking in the footsteps of Jesus is a life-changing experience for those who seek to follow him. Imagine experiencing Bethlehem, Gethsemane, The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jerusalem's old city and many other places you've only read about.

So, I am very excited to invite you to join me on a Holy Pilgrimage April 10-18, 2018. Dr. Douglas Mohrmann, Assistant Professor of Religion; Co-Director of Honors Program at Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids and member of Grace Church, Grand Rapids will serve as our tour director. Dr. Mohrmann has led numerous such pilgrimages over the years and has done a masterful job organizing our 2018 Pilgrimage.

Education Opportunities Tours will be managing most of the details of this pilgrimage. You can register via the web at www.EO.travel/mytrip and then enter the Tour Number HL18, Date 041018, Code E, and ID 57441. Any registration questions can be made directly to EO Tours at 800-247-0017 referencing our tour ID number 57441. They will handle all registrations and issue billing statements. International Airfare/flight planning will be managed by Dr. Mohrmann who can be reached at HolyLand@EDWM.org. Please read all the fine print and seriously consider the Travel Protection Plan options found online at www.tripmate.com/wpF427E.

Our pilgrimage has a starting cost of \$2,598.00 (ground only), and is all-inclusive, with airfare at an additional cost. An optional pilgrimage extension is available April 19-22 to allow more time to explore Jerusalem and the ruins at Emmaus. My wife Dana and I plan to make this pilgrimage including the optional extension to returning on April 22. We currently have room for up to 45 pilgrims so get your registration in early.

I hope you will prayerfully consider this adventure in faith and join me on this once in a lifetime journey as we walk where Jesus walked.

Peace,

+Wayne