

Canada Celebrates Israel – February 2012



On the Mount of Olives



**Presentation of the Canada Israel
Declaration at the Knesset**

A Christian delegation of 34 Members of the Canada Celebrates Israel (CCI) Network travelled to Israel early this February on a solidarity mission. One of the highlights of the visit was the presentation of over 4,000 signatures of the Canada Israel Declaration in support of Israel. Signatures from Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, Senators, First Nation's Chiefs, Rabbi's, Pastors and grassroots friends of Israel were among the thousands declaring their support of Israel and also affirming Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper's unwavering support of Israel. A signature album will also be presented to Prime Minister Harper. Link to an article and picture of the Canada Celebrates Israel visit to the Knesset in the Jerusalem Post: <http://www.jpost.com/DiplomacyAndPolitics/Article.aspx?id=256932>

Another highlight took place at Elon Moreh, near Shechem in the hills of Samaria, the Biblical heartland of Israel. This is the site where Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel and said, "Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness....choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:24,25). As Canadians, the group stood on the very same mountain and affirmed and decreed the very same words that Joshua spoke. And as so many of Israel's patriarchs did, they built an altar of witness with stones and stood as Canadians declaring their love and support for Israel. They placed Canadian lapel pins and a large Canadian flag with the stones as a prophetic act for their nation followed by a time of holy consecration and prayer.



**The Altar of Witness
At Elon Moreh**

An informal meeting took place with former Ambassador of Israel to Canada, Alan Baker and his wife Dalia. The delegation also met with Canadian Ambassador to Israel, Paul Hunt at the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Throughout their nine day tour in Israel, the delegation visited historic and Biblical sights celebrating Israel, the land and the people, bringing a deeper understanding and appreciation for Israel's amazing history and the Biblical, Hebraic roots of their faith. They brought a strong message of love and support to the Jewish people, and at every opportunity handed out hundreds of Canadian lapel pins, gave gifts and shared Scriptures recounting God's promises to the Jewish people.

The group was lead by four members of the core team of Canada Celebrates Israel: Rev. Giulio Loreface Gabeli, Dean Bye, Peg Byars and Annie Elliott. The ongoing work of CCI includes visits of Israeli Knesset members to Canada and Canadian Christians and Jews to Israel.



The Garden Tomb



Outside the Knesset

"Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem: 'May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.' For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say: 'Peace be within you.' " Psalm 122:6-8