

The DNA of the ICEJ

1.) Mission and Calling of the ICEJ

- a) It is to care for the Jewish people by being a focus of comfort according to Isaiah 40:1: "**Comfort. O comfort My people,**" says your God.
- b) It is to remind and encourage Christians of the world **to pray for Jerusalem and the land of Israel.**
- c) It is to be a center where Christians from all over the world can **learn through various means** what is taking place in this land.
- d) It is to stimulate pastors, churches and Christian organizations around the world to become **effective influences** in their countries on behalf of the Jewish people.
- e) It would begin or assist **projects in Israel** for the well-being of all who live here, irrespective of race, background or religion. It would also encourage economic ventures.
- f) It will attempt to be a reconciling influence between Arabs and Jews.

„Phenomenological“ mission – major mission segments that the Lord practically led us into in the past decades:

- 1.) The Feast – the ICEJ was born out of the Feast and maintains a calling to gather the nations in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles (Zec 14:16)***
- 2.) Jerusalem – when all the embassies left in 1980 the ICEJ was established to show support and recognition for the city of Jerusalem, the city of the Great King. Thus we allways remain committed to Jerusalem as the eternal and undivided capitol of the State of Israel***
- 3.) Aliyah – even before our establishment in 1980 our leaders assisted Israel in various Aliyah causes. We remain to be dedicated to assist the Jewish people in the return of the Jews from the four corners of the world (Isa 49:22f)***

2.) The vision of the ICEJ

To connect the church with what God is doing in Israel in **every nation** of the world, impacting **every segment of Israeli society** with the love of God.

Our target group thus is two fold:

- **EVERY NATION**
- **EVERY SEGMENT OF ISRAELI SOCIETY**

3.) Theological DNA

A.) General Statement of Faith:

The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) is a Bible-believing Christian organization that subscribes to orthodox Evangelical beliefs. These we believe are wholly consistent with the biblical revelation.

We believe in:

1. The one God has revealed Himself in three persons, The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The Divinity of Jesus - Jesus is the full expression of God in bodily form. He is both fully God and fully man.
3. The person and work of the Holy Spirit – He empowers believers for witness in the world and therefore validates the faithful preaching of God’s word with signs and wonders and various gifts of the Spirit.
4. The divine inspiration of Scripture. All scripture is God-breathed.
5. The finished work of Jesus on the cross as the only grounds of salvation for all men regardless of whether they are Jews or Gentiles. This salvation work is appropriated by faith alone.
6. The physical and visible return of Jesus to the Mt. Of Olives.
7. That the local church is the biblical body of Christ and that all believers in Jesus are required to assemble at one of these.

B.) Israel Beliefs

- We believe the Bible attests to God’s unique and enduring calling and election of the Jewish people as an instrument of world redemption, which is still relevant and active today in the restoration of Israel in their ancient homeland.
- We believe that this modern-day restoration of Israel is evidence of God’s faithfulness to His eternal covenant made with Abraham.
- Our stand with the Jewish people therefore is founded upon the eternal covenants of God as described in God’s word (Genesis 12; 15 etc.) and not upon end-time prophecy.
- We do recognize however that we live in a season of fulfilment and restoration for Israel that has been unfolding over the past 120 years and had been foretold by many biblical prophets (e.g., Ezekiel 36:22ff).
- We do not embrace the notion that different covenants can each lead to salvation. We rather believe that there is only one way to God through his son Jesus Christ and the New Covenant which he established.
- We offer our support to the Jewish people irrespective of their spiritual standing (Romans 3:28) yet we also recognize the significance of the local and growing Body of Messiah in Israel.
- We honor and emphasize the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith grounded in the Old Testament, even while we strongly caution Gentile Christians against coming under the law or believing in salvation by works.

- We stand uncompromisingly with the divine destiny of the Jewish people but we also recognize the unique and biblical calling of the Arab nations around Israel in particular in his salvation plan for all the peoples living in the Middle East.
- We reject all forms of Replacement theology (Supersessionism, Fulfilment theology) including all shades of British Israelism or the doctrine of Ephraim.

4.) Work culture DNA

- 1) **We are a Christ-centered ministry**
- 2) **We consider prayer as the engine of our ministry**
- 3) **We see the word of God as the foundation of our work**
- 4) **We welcome the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our work**
- 5) **We are a ministry of faith**
- 6) We are a ministry dedicated to God-given vision and growth
- 7) We are interdenominational
- 8) We celebrate a multi-ethnic and multicultural environment
- 9) We are next generation-oriented, while honoring our fathers
- 10) We strive to be a family-oriented ministry
- 11) We strive for excellence
- 12) We pursue result oriented and data driven work within all segments of ICEJ
- 13) We encourage studying and developing our skills
- 14) We pursue servant leadership
- 15) We encourage teamwork, avoiding any 'Silo mentality'
- 16) We welcome joy and fun in the workplace