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Dear Friends of CBF,

Greetings during this Easter season, a season of hope, new life, and possibilities. As we continue to live in a world of uncertainty, and instability, yet the resurrection event reminds us that God is with us and will not abandon us in these dark days.

Due to the political situation in the whole of the Middle East region – Israel-Palestine in particular, we at CBF have had to explore other “possibilities” for our programs in the coming year. Together with our Academic team, we are working on developing new programming options and locations for 2027.

This will include taking our programs to:

1. Other Biblical Lands: Turkey, Greece, Egypt, Cyprus, Rome, etc.
2. Outreach to other countries, where the Church is growing and where we already have contacts and/or NDS communities.
3. Jerusalem: a limited number of face-to-face programs in Jerusalem
4. Virtual programming.

Our decision to take our programs elsewhere in no way minimizes our priority of offering programs in Jerusalem; however, it is essential that we explore creative and new possibilities to keep developing our study of the word of God, and to expand our programming to include more emphasis on interreligious dialogue. Developing more interactive programs and collaborative projects are also being explored.

It is our hope that you will join us in these new developments to keep CBF adapting to the changing world of today. Your support is vital to the ongoing life of CBF.

In the present world climate, we feel that the work of CBF is even more important and critical to building bridges of understanding.

We thank all of you who offer your ongoing support to CBF through your connections with our team and through the many comments, communications and prayers which you send our way. We appreciate your gestures very much.

Let us continue to live in the Spirit of Easter until Pentecost when we shift our focus to the work of the Spirit in our midst.

Easter blessings to each one,

Sister Margaret Zdunich, NDS