

NON-PROSELYTING AGREEMENT

A Matter of Special Sensitivity

Brigham Young University, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and BYU's Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies, have given assurances and made commitments to the State of Israel to the effect that no member of the Church, nor anyone affiliated with the University or participating in a University-sponsored program will engage in proselytizing of any kind within Israel and Palestine (the West Bank and Gaza). It is very important that these assurances and commitments be honored and that those who travel to the Holy Land or have reason to correspond or work with individuals living there be informed of these assurances and commitments and agree to abide by them.

The following statement of commitment is provided to make clear the nature and seriousness of these assurances.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT REGARDING PROSELYTING

Any activities that could be construed as aimed at inducing, encouraging or leading people in Israel, the West Bank or Gaza to investigate any religion for possible conversion are strictly contrary to the desires of the government and people of Israel and to the commitments made by Brigham Young University, the Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I will not distribute, either directly, by mail or by internet, any materials pertaining to the Church or its doctrines within Israel or Palestine. I will not discuss the Church or its doctrines or answer any questions regarding the Church or its doctrines with individuals who reside in the Holy Land or who may be visiting there. I will not invite guests who are not LDS to attend Church services held in the Holy Land. I understand the assurances and commitment of the Church, University, and the Jerusalem Center not to proselyte within Israel or Palestine and agree to abide by them. These restrictions on proselytizing also apply to all Arab countries and Turkey.