

Resources for Reconciliation

Tremendous progress has been made in Jewish-Christian relations.

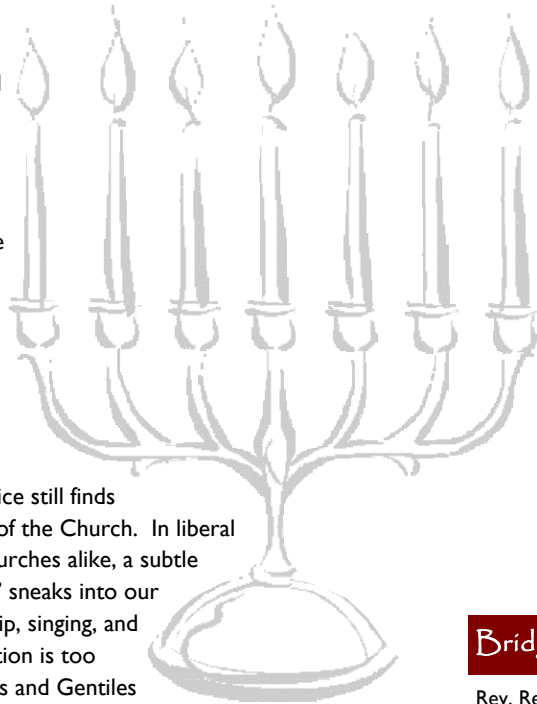
Even so, widespread misinformation, mistranslations, and misunderstandings hinder the Church's understanding of the Jewish Jesus.

The result?

Unconscious prejudice still finds its way into the life of the Church. In liberal and conservative churches alike, a subtle sense of "bad Jews!" sneaks into our Bible studies, worship, singing, and sermons. Triangulation is too often the norm, Jews and Gentiles are pushed further apart, and the Church is impoverished. Jesus, if he were in a grave, would be rolling over in it.

It doesn't have to be that way!

Our innovative approach equips you to read and understand the Bible with new eyes. And to receive a new, healing vision for the peoples of God.



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Studies with a Jewish Christian Theologian-in-Residence

These **biblically grounded**, thought-provoking studies enable believers to integrate the Jewishness of Jesus so that the Bible, the Person, and His People come alive anew.

Additionally, the principles of **family systems theory** are incorporated to show a way out of the conflict that has beset Jews and Gentiles for centuries. The consequences of our "family of origin" issues are explored. Avenues of healing are advanced.



A customized study guide with biblical citations and bibliography, Bible study, a beautiful display of Judaica, small group interactions, and personal narrative are all integrated into this **multi-sensory experience**. Different learning styles are incorporated. Bridge Builder certificates of completion are awarded. CEU credits are available.

Also, a **promotional toolkit** is provided for you to get the word out to your church and community including a reproducible color flyer and bulletin insert, press release, and Power Point slide.

This **program works well** as a Fall kick-off, during Advent, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January), Lent, Holocaust Remembrance Day (April) or during Ordinary Time, when you are looking for something out of the ordinary. Or treat your Disciple students to an in-depth experience they'll never forget.

Schedule over a **weekend** or on **three consecutive days or nights** beginning with Sunday morning worship.

Format

These 2 hour sessions are lively, engaging, and interactive. Each one addresses a basic myth that perpetuates Jewish scapegoating and keeps Christians stuck.

Session 1: Was Jesus A Christian?

- Emotional Triangles and Unresolved Issues
- Daily Living
- Sabbath and Holidays, The Last Seder
- Torah and Teaching

Session 2: Did the Jews Reject Jesus?

- Of Fishermen and Pharisees
- First Jerusalem Council
- A Family Feud: The Intimate Enemy

Session 3: Has the Church Taken Israel's Place as the Chosen People?

- Supercessionism
- One Covenant or Two?
- Grafted In

Church Leaders Comment

"Thank you for bringing your history, your intellect, your inspiration, your passion and most of all your integrity!" Rev. Trudy Robinson, Senior Pastor, First UMC, Cheyenne WY

"Excellent! Need to participate about three times to absorb it all. That means much was new and stimulating. With profound thanks." Jean Parson, First United Methodist Church, Casper WY

"The Christians were not made the bad guys and the Jews were seen in a more kindly way." Dr. Don Shegog, Hilltop UMC, Cincinnati

The Presenter

Rev. Rebekah Simon-Peter (M.Div. '95, M.A.R. '98, Iliff School of Theology) is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and has served churches in CO and WY. Now the Director of BridgeWorks, an extension ministry that offers resources for reconciliation, she delights in turning barriers into bridges of understanding. A teacher, preacher, and author, she serves as a Theologian-in-Residence in settings around the country. Raised a Reform Jew and later a member of the Orthodox Jewish community, a surprise vision of Jesus resulted in her journey into Christian discipleship. A 2001 graduate of the Center for Pastoral Effectiveness of the Rockies, her presentations are infused with a lively understanding of family systems dynamics. Her open, upbeat style incorporates humor, contemporary scholarship, lived experience and personal narrative. She is happily married to Jerry Gonzales with whom she lives in Wyoming.

Jewish Roots of Christianity

Build on your knowledge as you delve deeper into Jesus and His Jewish context. Savings apply with multiple presentations.

- Jewish Passover Seder: From Bondage to Freedom
- Christmas Through Jewish Eyes: An Advent Study
- Good Friday/Bad Friday: A Lenten Study
- Feasts and Holy Days: Jewish Roots of Christian Worship

Options

Mini Program (1 session) \$500

Full Program (3 sessions) \$1000

Full Program and Sunday Morning Worship or Holiday Observance \$1350-2000

Travel, lodging and expenses covered by host church.