

2016

ANNUAL REPORT

We've had an incredible year of growth and pioneering new initiatives. Thank you for your support, your generosity, and your continual partnership with us.

FIRM is a
**GLOBAL
FELLOWSHIP**
of
**BIBLICALLY
GROUNDED**
believers committed to
**MESSIAH-CENTERED
RELATIONSHIPS**
that bless the inhabitants
**OF ISRAEL—JEWS,
ARABS, AND OTHERS—**
and the Jewish community
AROUND THE WORLD



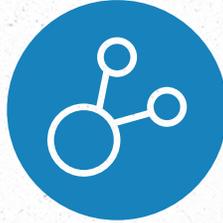
BASED OUT OF JERUSALEM, ISRAEL,

FIRM exists to fulfill three main goals:



INSPIRE

Inspiring people, especially leaders and young adults, to bless Israel.



CONNECT

Connecting individuals and ministries for greater cooperation and synergy.



EQUIP

Equipping ministries and individuals for greater effectiveness in blessing Israel.

What makes us unique?



RELATIONAL

We are a relational network of Israel-related ministries that are committed to unity, cooperation, and serving each other.

MESSIAH-CENTERED

We believe that the reason we must seek to bless Israel and her neighbors is because of Jesus the Messiah.

INTERNATIONAL

We bring together and cultivate relationships between ministries and leaders from around the world.

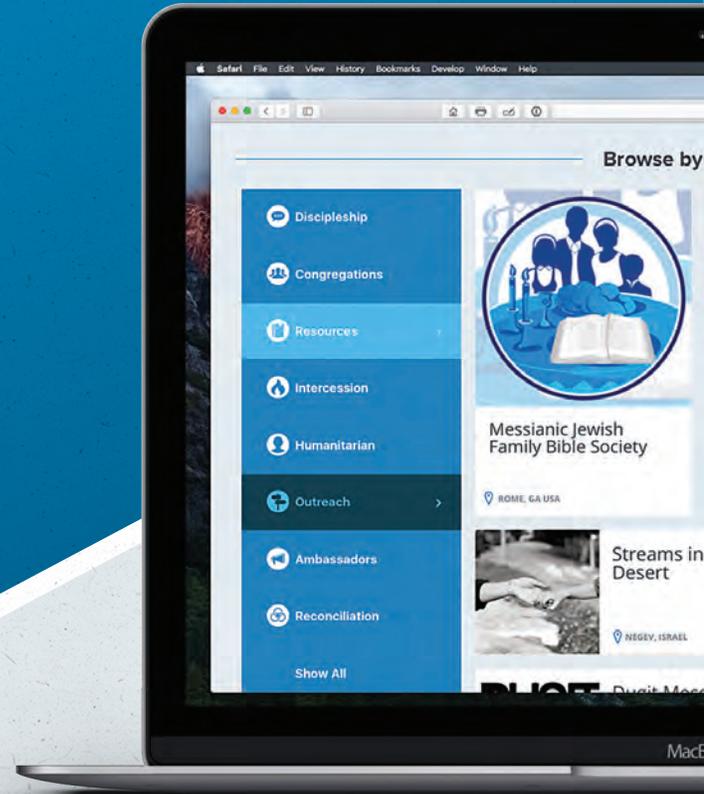


FIRM Members

FIRM Members are trusted Israel-related ministries whose primary focus is to bless the inhabitants of Israel, both Jews and Arabs, and the Jewish community around the world.

MEMBER CATEGORIES:

-  INTERCESSION
-  RESOURCES
-  DISCIPLESHIP
-  OUTREACH
-  CONGREGATIONS
-  HUMANITARIAN
-  AMBASSADOR



5 CORE VALUES OF EVERY FIRM MEMBER

We strive to be a group of **Biblically sound** ministries full of **integrity and transparency**, who exemplify strong **leadership accountability** and strive to operate our ministry endeavors with **excellence** while doing everything in a **spirit of unity** within the body.

WE'VE GROWN OVER 2016 from a handful of official members to over **60** quality ministry members that we are proud to represent.

[SEE OUR MEMBER VALUES >](#)

[VIEW LIST OF MEMBERS >](#)





FIRM Members Dinner

We aim to bring value to our members through two main ways:



FACILITATING FELLOWSHIP, UNITY, AND COOPERATION

Twice a year, we host a FIRM Members Dinner and invite leaders from all over Israel to come together to fellowship, build relationships with each other, and pray for each other's ministry endeavors. In 2016, we had over 75 leaders attend each of these gatherings.

We've seen incredible fruit from these times of fellowship.

Leaders who had previously only heard each other's names had the opportunity to meet each other and develop relationships with fellow leaders. Several ministries have commented to us that they are excited to see how they can start working together with other ministries on projects and initiatives in the future.



PROVIDING A PLATFORM TO CONNECT WITH CHRISTIANS AND LEADERS INTERNATIONALLY

- Over \$300,000+ directly given (to date) to fund FIRM Member ministry projects
- We've heard stories from some of our members that new partners have found them and started a relationship directly through their member profile on the FIRM website. One member said that they received an \$8000 gift just through a connection on the website.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

"Being a member of FIRM has opened up new opportunities to partner with ministries around the world that share our vision for what God is doing amongst the Jewish people. The goal of matching ministries of similar hearts together, promotes unity in the Body of Messiah, and identifies new opportunities to cooperate, sometimes in unexpected ways."



Chad Holland
SENIOR PASTOR,
KING OF KINGS
MINISTRIES

"I see the development of FIRM as a very positive step forward in consolidating a united front for the Messianic community and linking in a very healthy way connected ministries from the international community. I look forward to the journey ahead with FIRM."



Evan Thomas
SENIOR LEADER, BEIT
ASAPH CONGREGATION





FIRM Allies

FIRM Allies are pastors or leaders who have significant influence and want to use that influence to bless Israel.

Here's what our Allies are saying

"We believe that those who bless Israel will be blessed. We also love the local church and believe that it is the hope of the world...We have seen our church steadily grow reaching people in our city and our church income has doubled the national average since we began to bless Israel with 1% of our income."



Jaime Goldenburg
THE CHURCH AT KNOXVILLE

"Giving 1% of our total revenue as a First Fruits investment toward Israel related ministries is the proverbial 'cornerstone' of our global tours strategy. Blessings overtake blessings for churches who support Israel in this way. Try it for one year and see for yourself."



Jonathan Wiggins
RESURRECTION FELLOWSHIP

"The apostle Paul tells us the Good News is the power of God 'to the Jew first, then to the Gentile.' Based on this principle from Scripture, Celebration Church has been honored to dedicate the first 1 percent of our financial giving to the church in Israel. Our church has seen tremendous fruit from giving to the messianic Jews first and we know you and your church will too."



Stovall Weems
LEAD PASTOR,
CELEBRATION CHURCH

"When I first heard about ministries committing to giving 1% of their income toward blessing the Jewish people, I knew that it was something that we wanted to be a part of — not only as a church, but also for Leslie and I personally. The blessing and momentum that we've experienced as we have sown this seed is undeniable. I have no doubt that it is a result of following Scripture's mandate that we place a priority on blessing the Jewish people, and we count it an honor to be a part of this strategic initiative."



John Siebeling
THE LIFE CHURCH,
MEMPHIS TN

OTHER FIRM ALLIES



JACK
HAYFORD



ROBERT
MORRIS



SAMUEL
RODRIGUEZ



JOHN
SIEBELING



STOVALL
WEEMS



GARY
SKINNER

We are officially rolling out our Allies program in 2017.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.





Our first annual Jerusalem Encounter conference was a major success! Our passion is for people to encounter the Land, the People, and the God of Israel.



Conference by the numbers

650+ attendees, including over **250** local Israelies

19 FIRM Member ministries featured at booths

154 strategic one-on-one meetings arranged between international pastors and FIRM Members

WE ALSO OFFERED SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG ADULT LEADERS AND INFLUENTIAL PASTORS:

44 international young adults received partial scholarships

28 international pastors received full scholarships

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FIRM Handshake in London



FIRM Handshakes

FIRM Handshakes are short, relational gatherings of pastors, leaders, and influencers from a specific region designed to inspire, connect, and engage them in what God is doing in Israel today, including giving them a platform to connect with our FIRM Member ministries.

We've already hosted four Handshakes with a total of over 250+ leaders in attendance:

- **London, England**
- **New Orleans, Louisiana**
- **Los Angeles, California**
- **Ottawa, Canada**

HANDSHAKES COMING UP IN 2017:
PARIS, SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA, COLORADO, AND MORE...





JERUSALEM PRAISE EXPERIENCE

For those who can't attend our Jerusalem Encounter conference, we've designed a short, 75-minute event we call the Jerusalem Praise Experience for tour groups of any size that come to Israel throughout the year.

Groups have the opportunity to experience songs from the Bible sung in Hebrew and English, accompanied by testimonies from local believers of what God is doing in Israel today.



We recently hosted a group of students from Liberty University who had never been to Israel before. Check out this short highlight video of their experience!



FIRM Social Media

We've seen incredible engagement with our social media channels over the last year, including teachings, live videos, and highlighting our Member ministries



FACEBOOK

10,850,395

(New page likes + reactions + impressions)



TWITTER

362,336

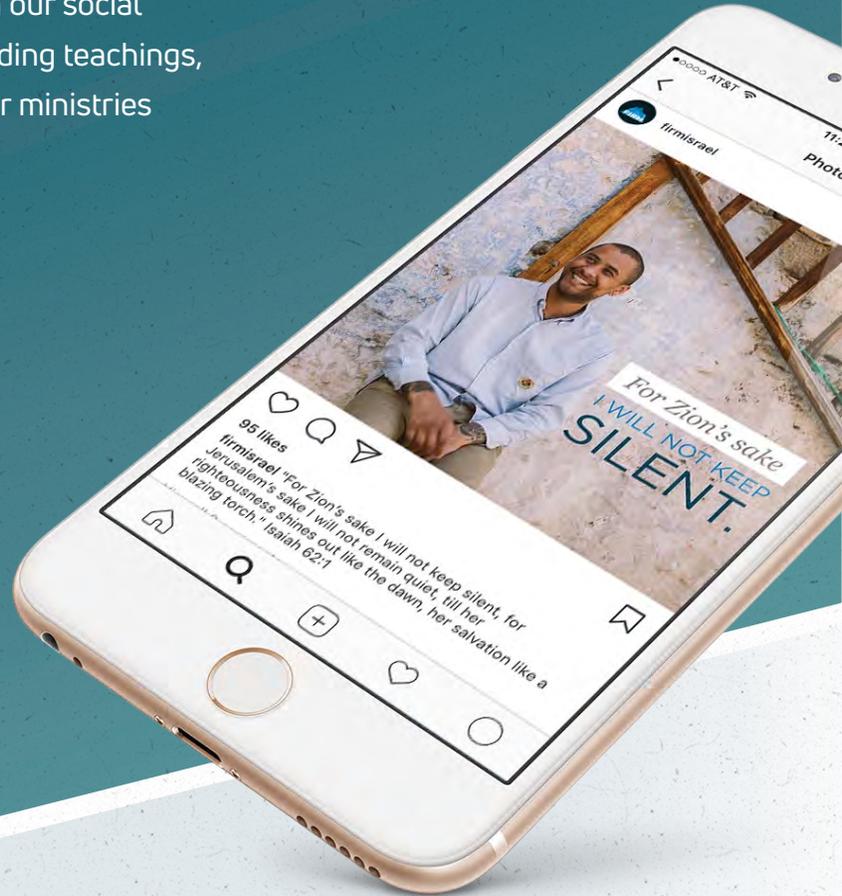
(New followers + reactions + impressions)



INSTAGRAM

6,660

(New followers + reactions)



A few notable blog posts



HaTikva Dental Clinic

PHOTO DOCUMENTARY



Yuval Messianic School of Music and Arts Inspires Creativity For God's Glory

PHOTO DOCUMENTARY



Be'ad Chaim Helps Israeli Mother's Choose Life

PHOTO DOCUMENTARY



Thank you for partnering with us to see Christians from around the world inspired, connected, and equipped to engage in what God is doing in Israel today through the work of local believers on the ground.

We have been incredibly blessed by the growth of FIRM over these past two years and are thankful to God for the positions of favor and influence that He has put us in.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead as we continue to grow our network, serve as a catalyst for unity and synergy between Israel-related ministries, and share the good news of the miracle that God is doing in Israel today.

We truly are better together. And the best is truly yet to come!



WAYNE HILSDEN,
PRESIDENT OF FIRM

