



# Faith Leaders Unite for Israel

A Historic Gathering of Rabbis and Pastors in Washington, D.C.

It's truly hard to capture the weight of what has happened this week. The word heard most often from those in attendance was: **"historic."**

More than **300 pastors and rabbis** from across America gathered in Washington, DC for the largest interfaith advocacy event in American History.

## MONDAY NIGHT DINNER

The gathering began with a dinner at the **Museum of the Bible** in Washington, D.C., an evening that transcended ceremony. It was a night of **faith, unity, and resolve**—a defining moment in the journey of Christian-Jewish cooperation and support for Israel.



From the opening moments, there was a sense of unity and solidarity.



The evening featured powerful remarks and heartfelt appeals from national leaders, including **Senator Cory Booker** (pictured left), who reminded us of the moral clarity required in moments of global crisis, **Speaker of the House Mike Johnson** (pictured middle), who offered a bold and unwavering defense of Israel, and **Jennifer Korn** (pictured right), representing the White House Faith Office, who emphasized the enduring importance of faith voices in shaping policy. These leaders, and many others, spoke not just with political insight...but with conviction, compassion, and vision.

**Speaker of the House Mike Johnson** praised the initiative, stating:

“Bishop Stearns and all of you—I just applaud what you're doing. Standing without apology right now, we have to speak with moral clarity, with conviction, and with consistency like never before, because the times call for that.”

Later in the evening, **Senator Cory Booker** of New Jersey—who was in Israel during the October 7 attacks—offered deeply personal and stirring remarks:

“The relationship between Israel and America is not a political one—it is a spiritual one. And I believe in the power of God Almighty, and we, His children, must make His love real on earth.”

**Bishop Robert Stearns**, founder and president of Eagles’ Wings and president of the Israel Christian Nexus, concluded:

“This unprecedented interfaith, bipartisan, and multi-denominational gathering of pastors and rabbis marks a historic moment in American history—a moment in which we unite across our differences for the higher calling of human dignity and the common good. Together, we stand resolute against the existential threat of a nuclear Iran and the rising tide of antisemitism. Setting aside our important distinctions, we walk a shared path of peace and solidarity—against hate and toward hope. This coalition stands as a powerful testament to what is possible when people of faith and conscience unite with clarity of purpose and unwavering resolve.”





The evening was co-hosted by **Bishop Robert Stearns**, Founder and President of **Eagles' Wings** along with **Dr. Susan Michael** (pictured middle), Director of the **International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ)** and **American Christian Leaders for Israel (ACLI)**, and **Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt** (pictured right), Chairman of the **Rabbinic Zionist Coalition**, whose leadership has been foundational in building bridges between the Jewish and Christian communities.

Perhaps most significantly, Monday night marked the **official launch of the Israel Christian Nexus**—a bold, unifying platform committed to equipping and mobilizing Christian leaders for effective advocacy, partnership, and education concerning Israel and the Jewish people.



Above: Senator Cory Booker, Bishop Robert Stearns, and Pastor Craig Pridgen, Dr. Michael Fisher, and Bishop Matthew Brown, key Black pastors who are part of the Israel Christian Nexus

The full event can be viewed by clicking the button below:

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## TUESDAY ON CAPITOL HILL



Just a portion of the delegation of over 300 rabbis and pastors that advocated for Israel on Capitol Hill in over 100 meetings with members of the Senate and Congress.

On Tuesday, we moved from inspiration to action as our delegation went to Capitol Hill to meet with members of the Senate and Congress and advocate for Israel's security, and the enduring bond between our nations.

While on Capitol Hill, our delegation had **over 100 appointments with members of Congress and the Senate**. We were able to meet with many members in person and urge them on the following points:

- Stopping Iran from acquiring nuclear capability
- Securing the release of the remaining hostages in Gaza
- Supporting Israel's Endeavor to Completely Remove Hamas from Power in Gaza
- Combatting Antisemitism in America





The day concluded with a reception in the Congressional Caucus Room, hearing from several members of the House and Senate, including **Congressman Byron Donald** of Florida and special guests, including the **Ambassador of Israel to the United States, Yechiel Leiter** (below).



## WEDNESDAY ANTISEMITISM WORKSHOPS

With a focus on next steps, the following day, **E.J. Kimball of Combat Antisemitism** led a dynamic workshop educating the leaders on how antisemitism is growing in the United States, providing practical tools that faith leaders can use to help educate their congregations and communities. The session concluded with **internationally renowned Christian author and theologian Os Guinness** sharing about the vital importance of the Christian community standing with the Jewish community against the evils of antisemitism.

## IMMEDIATE IMPACT

Before the delegation had even concluded the event on Wednesday, the impact of their presence seemed to have made a difference. One of the issues raised with all the members of Congress during the meetings was a concern that any agreement made by President Trump's administration with Iran would require dismantling its nuclear weapons program. According to the *Washington Examiner* and other news outlets, **on Wednesday afternoon, a letter to President Trump began circulating to Senate and House offices** calling for Iran's nuclear program to be fully dismantled as part of any agreement.



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## ANNUAL EVENT

Participants shared that they found the experience of this week both inspiring and enlightening, and plans are in the works for this gathering to become an annual occurrence, with many committing to bring back other rabbis and pastors next year.

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