



Ponds Reformed Church

Participating in God's Mission

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Grace and peace to you.

Over the past four years, Ponds Reformed Church—along with JJ TenClay, Dr. Peter Ford, the Classis of Passaic Valley, and RCA Global Missions—has partnered in supporting Rev. Linda Macktaby in her ministry to those displaced by war. What began as aid for a refugee from Syria expanded in September 2024 to include Lebanese families displaced by the conflict with Israel.

On Monday, Rev. Linda Macktaby shared urgent news: Israel has ordered the immediate evacuation of 41 towns—home to approximately 100,000 people, both Christian and Muslim. These families are being forced to leave everything behind with no clear destination. Beirut's shelters are already at capacity, and social services are overwhelmed, strained by the needs of more than one million displaced persons.

While we cannot meet every need, together we can make a meaningful difference. With your support, Rev. Macktaby and her team are able to provide meal kits for families with access to cooking facilities, as well as ready-to-eat meals for those living on the streets. Lebanon is on the brink of a humanitarian disaster. Rev. Linda Macktaby and I urgently ask for your help.

Financial contributions can be made through the Ponds Reformed Church giving portal at pondsnj.org/give or by check payable to "Ponds Reformed Church Mission." Thank you for your prayerful consideration and timely response.

With gratitude,

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