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Journey to Jerusalem:
Reflections on the Celebration of the
Centenary 1910 – 2010



"... God loves to light little lights, so as then to illuminate vast spaces. Truth, and Love, which are its content, are kindled wherever the light is welcomed; they then radiate in concentric circles, as if by contact, in the hearts and minds of all those who, by opening themselves freely to its splendour, themselves become sources of light. Such is the history of the Church: she began her journey in the lowly cave of Bethlehem, and down the centuries she has become a People and a source of light for humanity. Today too, in those who encounter that Child, God still kindles fires in the night of the world, calling men and women everywhere to acknowledge in Jesus the "sign" of his saving and liberating presence and to extend the "us" of those who believe in Christ to the whole of mankind...."

*Pope Benedict XVI
2009 Christmas Message*

"... Oh Child of Bethlehem, give us your patience, your love and your kindness! We ask you that during this new year hands might clasp each other in concord, intentions might be purified, that hearts love one another, divisions disappear, and walls be demolished. And that in their place be built bridges of understanding and reconciliation!"

*Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Fouad Twal
2009 Midnight Mass Homily, Bethlehem*

The World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) has begun a year-long celebration of our founding in 1910 which includes a spiritual journey to the roots of our faith for the October 2010 World Assembly in the Holy Land. May the next nine months be a time of opening our hearts and minds, preparing ourselves and our member organizations to receiving the light of the Lord, and radiating that light as Christ's "witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

*Karen M. Hurley, WUCWO President General
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
World Day of Prayer for Peace 2010*
