

Dear Pastor,

Greetings in the name of the Messiah Yeshua.

This is a little introduction to you on the letter I wrote for Jewish Christians in churches. It is important that you understand my desire here.

In the book of Romans, Paul makes a clear statement that the gifts and call of God to Israel are irrevocable (Romans 11:29). The continued election of ethnic Israel in the New Covenant era is more and more understood among Biblical scholars. I believe I can safely say it is the majority position today. It is even clearly stated in the new Roman Catholic catechism!

What is frequently not perceived is that Jewish disciples of the Messiah Jesus still have such an irrevocable calling as part of their people. Yes, they are members of the one new man in the Messiah, but this does not eliminate their connection to their ethnic people as the saved remnant of Israel (Romans 11:5).

Yet, if Jewish believers in Jesus are not given encouragement in their churches to continue to live and identity as Jews, they may be lost to an ongoing people movement that will see a growing number of Jews come to faith in Jesus.

As a pastor, your role in this is crucial. We are asking that you encourage your Jewish members to maintain Jewish ties, to family and Jewish community, and to connect to the Biblically rooted expressions of the Holy Days and other unifying aspects of Jewish people-hood. Attendance at Messianic Jewish Conferences take place around the world and these are very good venues for you, your Jewish members and other interested Christians to gain exposure to teaching on the meaning Jewish life in the Messiah Jesus. Also, home groups that emphasize Jewish connection can be a good step for Jewish disciples of Yeshua and others with such an interest. There are tens of thousands of Jews in churches (some say hundreds of thousands). They have little impact on their people. This is the context of my little tract.

We are glad to be available to help you know how to go forward in this in you our churches. I would be glad to talk to you about this. Visit our web site and get to know us. Without your help the great resource of your Jewish members to a Jewish people movement for Jesus will not be accessed.

In the Messiah Jesus,
Daniel Juster