

Choosing connection

Image for the weekly letter for Sunday, October 12, 2025, no. 29



Quote:

"As we write this weekly letter, our thoughts return to the drama that unfolded in Israel two years ago and quickly and violently spread to Gaza. The situation there remains painful and hopeless, and peace seems further away than ever. How will people, who are embroiled in conflict, ever find their way back to each other? How can enmity ever turn into closeness again?"

Explanation of the choice: The title, the theme, current events, and the participation of members of the Apostolic Society in the 'red line' demonstrations in The Netherlands—all of this, in my view, comes together in this image. The picture shows devastation in the background, as we see daily in the news, but also a hopeful gesture and symbol in the foreground: an Israeli man and a Palestinian woman. The man looks down, somewhat ashamed. The woman looks up at him kindly as she embraces him. Perhaps these two groups are not yet at that point, but the image portrays the situation in an ultimate way. Isn't it true that by meeting one another, engaging in dialogue, looking into each other's eyes, and embracing, peace and love are given a chance to sprout like a fragile seed? You are me in another form. That is what I want to commit myself to: "listening without judgment," "not postponing forgiveness," "seeing the humanity in the other," "choosing connection over separation," "making the world a little more beautiful" ... Will you join me?

Warm regards on behalf of the beeldengroep,
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