

## FRIENDS OF SABELL – NORTH AMERICA

Friends of Sabeel—North America promotes a just solution to the conflict in the Holy Land based on principles for a just peace as explained in the Jerusalem Sabeel Document, which outlines the vision of peace of the Palestinian Christians of the Holy Land through The Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem. Friends of Sabeel—North America is a member of Sabeel International and works in partnership with Christians, Jews, Muslims and others of goodwill, to provide regional and international educational conferences featuring speakers from Palestine and Israel, alternative pilgrimage and Christian witness in the Holy Land through programs offering relationship-building between North Americans and the peoples of the Middle East. Sabeel is an Arabic word meaning “the way” or “spring of living water.” For more information go to [www.fosna.org](http://www.fosna.org).

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Pittsburgh Palestine Solidarity Committee  
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United Church of Christ)  
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## THE PRESENTERS

**Rev. Naim Ateek** - Palestinian Anglican priest, founder/director of the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem and the author of *Justice and Only Justice: A Palestinian Theology of Liberation*  
**Huwaida Arrif** – First generation Palestinian American; co-founder of the International Solidarity Movement  
**Ann Hafften** - Communication specialist and author of *Water from the Rock* - Lutheran Voices from Palestine”  
**Mubarak Awad** - Founder of Nonviolence International which educates people worldwide about nonviolent resistance, the Center for the Study of Nonviolence in Palestine, and the National Youth Advocate Program.  
**Jeff Halper** -Coordinator of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions in Jerusalem, a coalition of Israeli and Palestinian peace and human rights groups dedicated to rebuilding Palestinian homes and resisting the occupation in all its forms.  
**Jean Zaru** - Palestinian Christian (Quaker) from Ramallah, international consultant on peace and justice issues.  
**Marc Ellis** – Baylor University Professor and Director, Center for Jewish Studies. Has written and lectured extensively on Jewish and Christian affairs, concentrating on the topics of the Holocaust, Israel/Palestine, and the future of religious thought.  
**Mohammed Abed** – Palestinian activist from Jaffa; University of Wisconsin  
**Ora Wise** - an American Jew born in Jerusalem, and teacher at two synagogues in New York City. She is currently involved in the Palestine/Israel Education Project, facilitating interactive youth workshops connecting the struggle for justice in Palestine/Israel to social justice issues in the U.S.

## TOWARDS A JUST PEACE IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL

A two-day conference for  
peacemakers

Friday and Saturday  
**February 24-25, 2006**

Opens noon on Friday;  
Concludes 6 p.m. Saturday

First United Methodist Church  
5401 Centre Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA

Presented by:  
**Friends of Sabeel N.A.**  
**Palestine Solidarity Committee**



## FRIDAY

NOON – Registration

1:00 p.m. Welcome – Rev. Robert Wilson  
Opening Remarks – Rev. Richard Toll

1:15 p.m. Opening Address: Jean Zaru  
*Journey of Transformation: Our Inner Strength & Public Engagement*

2:30 p.m. - Panel: *Facts on the Ground (Eyewitness reports)*  
Jeff Halper, Huwaida Arrif and Jean Zaru

3:45 p.m. Workshops

5:00 p.m. Plenary – Jeff Halper  
*Apartheid, Unending Conflict, or a Just Peace? Palestine and Israel After Elections*

6:15 p.m. Middle Eastern Banquet

7:30 p.m. Keynote Address  
Rev. Naim Ateek

## SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Registration  
Coffee/donuts  
Book/video/craft sales

8:30 a.m. Welcome - Rev. Robert Wilson  
Opening Remarks- Rev. Richard Toll

8:45 a.m. Plenary Address - Marc Ellis  
*The Meaning of Anti-Semitism in Relation to Discussions of Israel/Palestine*

10:00 a.m. Workshops

11:15 a.m. Plenary - Ann Hafften  
*The Media Message*

12 – 12:45 Box Lunches

1:00 p.m. Workshops

2:30 p.m. Plenary - Mubarak Awad  
*Nonviolent Struggle in the Palestinian Israeli Conflict*

3:45 p.m. Panel - *Where Do We Go From Here?*  
Mohammed Abed, Mubarak Awad, Ann Hafften and Naim Ateek

5:00 p.m. Closing Interfaith Worship –  
Rev. Naim Ateek

## Workshops

Friday 3 p.m.

1. Tema Okun (“While All Eyes Were Watching Gaza”)
2. Ann Hafften (Responsible Tourism)
3. Rich Meyer (Christian Peacemaker Team)
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Saturday 10 a.m.

1. Tema Okun (“While All Eyes Were Watching Gaza”)
2. Peter Nagle (“Sacred Space Denied—Bethlehem and the Wall”)
3. Robert Smith (Christian Zionism)
4. Donald Gibbon (Communologue – Technique for learning to dialogue on difficult issues)

Saturday p.m.

1. Robert Smith (Christian Zionism)
2. Mohammed Abed and Ora Wise (Morally Responsible Investment)
3. Huwaida Arrif (International Solidarity Movement)
4. Jeff Halper (Walling In and Walling Out—A Closer Look at Occupation Policy OR Reframe the Conflict and Change the Discourse)