



Cost of the Conference:

\$1050 (750€, 660£) for single room
\$950 (680€, 600£) for double room

Cost includes room and meals for 6 nights (Feb. 23 thru March 1, breakfast), registration, on site visits and all related materials.

Registration Deadline
January 15, 2011

Early Registration Discount

\$200 (140€, 125£) discount before Dec. 1, 2010
\$100 (70€, 63£) before Jan. 1, 2011

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Sabeel's 8th International Conference 2011

CHALLENGING EMPIRE

God, Faithfulness and Resistance



Bethlehem Hotel, Bethlehem
February 23 – 28, 2011

Sabeel's 8th International Conference

in February 23-28, 2011 will focus on one of the most cutting edge issues in today's world, and one that touches on both religion and politics: **Empire**.

Since 1967, the Palestinians have become conscious of their life under a hegemonic American empire with Israel as an essential extension strategically located in the heart of the Middle East.

What is truly exciting has been the growing awareness amongst biblical scholars and theologians of this reality. Their work has inspired the work of Sabeel and alerted us to the dangers and threats of empire and challenged us to look at it in light of the Kingdom of God.

Since this topic has international and global dimensions, we at Sabeel have decided to tackle this topic head on in our upcoming conference:

Challenging Empire God, Faithfulness and Resistance

With our friends from all over the world, we need to reflect on this phenomenon. How can we be faithful to God as we daily face the challenge of empire? Weak as we are, how can we resist empire? What does radical Christian discipleship mean for us today and for our friends who also live in the shadow of global empire?

A number of excellent theologians, local and international, will be with us in Bethlehem to help us translate and contextualize the relevance of this topic to our daily life:

Richard Horsley, author of "Jesus and Empire: The Kingdom of God and the New World Disorder."

John Dear, Jesuit priest, pastor, peacemaker, organizer, lecturer, retreat leader and author of "Living Peace: A Spirituality of Contemplation and Action."

Mazin Qumsiyeh, Professor, Bethlehem & Birzeit Universities. Chairman, Palestinian Center for Rapprochement between People, and Coordinator, Popular Committee Against the Wall and Settlements in Beit Sahour.

Archbishop Thabo Magkoba, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town.

Naim Ateek, Director of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center.

Chris Ferguson, Executive for the WCC United Nations Liaison Office

James Vijayakumar, Director of Southeast Asia Mission, Church of Christ

Themes include:

- Mapping the Empire
- Tactics of Empire
- Jesus and Empire
- Spirituality for Resistance
- Faith in Action
- A Vision for the Future

On Site Visits:

Hebron, the Old City of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, refugee camps, the Wall, checkpoints, Palestinian villages, Sheikh Jarrah and more.

Bible Study led by **Ched Myers**, author of "Binding the Strong Man: A Political Reading of Mark's Story of Jesus." Ched has been an organizer and advocate who has for 30 years been challenging and supporting Christians to engage in peace and justice work and radical discipleship."

Opening **Worship** at the Wall; Worship at Gethsemane; Closing Communion in Bethlehem

Optional Post-Conference Tour including:

- Jerusalem
- Galilee
- Dead Sea
- Jericho