

****ABOUT SABELL, FRIENDS OF SABELL, and SABELL DC METRO****

Sabeel: Headquartered in Jerusalem, **Sabeel** is an **international ecumenical peace movement** initiated by Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land who seek **a just peace for all Palestinians and Israelis**, in compliance with international law and U.N. resolutions, and achieved through strictly **nonviolent** means. Founded in 1991, Sabeel's global network includes member organizations in **ten countries**. *Sabeel* is Arabic for "the way", as in "the way to justice and peace."

Friends of Sabeel–North America (FOSNA) is a member of Sabeel International working in the U.S. and Canada to support the vision of Sabeel through **educational conferences** and **fact-finding trips** to the Palestinian territories and Israel. Its offices are in Portland, Oregon.

Sabeel DC Metro was founded in 2010 and, as an affiliate group of Friends of Sabeel–North America organized by people living in the DC area, conducts action programs to educate and involve people like you in the **urgent** quest for Middle East peace.

Action Committees:

- 1) **Outreach to Churches** – Carole Burnett, Pete Bolton, Steve France
- 2) **Coordination with Church Denominations**–Susan Bell, Paul Verduin
- 3) **Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions** – Paul Verduin, Melinda Thompson
- 4) **Training in Gandhian/Kingian Nonviolence** – Lee Porter
- 5) **Educational Resources for Action** – Lee Porter
- 6) **Advocacy and Lobbying** – coming soon

WHAT IS SABELL? IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT SABELL & FRIENDS OF SABELL:

1) **SABELL WORKS WORLD-WIDE** in ten countries to promote justice, peace, and reconciliation for all the people of the Holy Land. Led internationally by the **Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek**, and inspired by **our international patron Desmond Tutu**, our chapters and groups in the U.S., Canada, Australia, six European countries, and Israel/Palestine form a worldwide resource network for nonviolent peace action.

2) **SABELL HAS A 20-YEAR TRACK RECORD.** Our first international conference was held in Jerusalem in 1990; **our next one will be in Bethlehem in Feb.-Mar. 2011.** U.S. conferences and fact-finding visits to Israel-Palestine are ongoing.

3) **SINCE THE 1990'S, FRIENDS OF SABELL HAS HELD 32 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES** all over the U.S., attracting up to 1,000 people each.

4) **SABELL PROMOTES FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY FOR BOTH ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS. IT ABHORS ANTI-SEMITISM AND ALL FORMS OF RACISM.**

To find out how YOU can become a part of our effort for peace, contact Sabeel DC Metro's area coordinators: **Susan Bell** avocets@bell.nu or **Paul Verduin** paulverduin@starpower.net or call Paul at 301-518-5551. **More info:** www.sabeeldc.org or www.fosna.org. Thank you!