

Called to Build Bridges Instead of Walls

US Policy in Palestine-Israel

**Engaging Faith Communities in
Pursuit of a Just Peace**

Keynote speaker:

Friday, 7:00 pm — Phyllis Bennis

*Institute for Policy Studies,
US Campaign to End the Occupation*

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Friday, October 14 1-9 pm

Saturday, October 15 9am TO 9 pm

Our Lady Of Immaculate Heart Church

510 East 1st Street, Ankeny, Iowa

Photo of Israeli separation wall by Ursula Gallagher

Suggested registration fee:

\$30 for adults, \$10 for students. Scholarships are available.

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Plenaries: Introduction to Palestine/Israel

Jeremy Brigham

A Faith Panel—*Jerusalem: What it Means to Three Faith Traditions*

Debunking Myths About Islam
Muslim Contributions to Knowledge

Mohammed Fahmy, Industrial Tech., Univ. of Northern Iowa
Ahmed Kamel, ISU prof., Board Chair CAIR-Iowa &
Islamic Center of Ames

Tracks

Policy Impact

Challenging US Military
Aid to Israel
Local Movement Building
Grassroots Organizing
Peace by Piece
Organizing Within the Churches

US Campaign To End the Occupation

AAPER—American Association for Palestinian Equal Rights
Jennifer Bing, AFSC Middle East Program, Chicago
Pat Minor—Public access TV as alternative media
Rev. David Wildman, Board of Global Ministry, UMC

Palestine Support-Internal/External

Fair Trade – Canaan,
Pal Craftaid
Ethical Travel to Palestine
Divesting from Israeli Occupation
Inside Gaza Today

Lynn Pollack –Jewish Voices for Peace
Liz Knott & Connie DePond– Presbyterian Activists
Group Travel— Minnesota
Minnesota Break the Bonds
Yaser Abu Dagga, Palestinian American, recently returned from
Gaza

Information Forums

Palestinian Christians & the Kairos document
An Ethical Perspective on US Policy in I-P
Israel – Palestine: A Regional Perspective
Beyond Zionism: A Jewish Perspective
Christian Zionism

Dr. Ronald Stone, Emeritus Prof. at Pitt. Theological Seminary
Dr. Ronald Stone
Mahmoud Hamad, Asst. Prof. of Politics & Int'l Relations, Drake
Lynn Pollack, Jewish Voices for Peace
Rev. Don Wagner, Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding

Young Adult

Spoken Word Art
Organizing on Campuses
Youth travels in Palestine

Remi Kanazi, author & poet: “Poetic Injustice: Writings on
Resistance in Palestine, www.poeticinjustice.com
Miryam Rashid, AFSC Middle East Program, Chicago

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