

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE: TOWARDS A JUST PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

November 13 – November 16, 2003
Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Vicinity

An Eastern Regional Conference bringing together internationally recognized speakers to address political, socio-economic, environmental, and religious issues required for a just peace in Israel and Palestine.

The **Coalition for Peace with Justice** and **Friends of Sabeel—North America** are collaborating on this event with co-sponsorship from a broad spectrum of peace groups, human rights organizations, churches, and universities. International and national speakers, as well as local facilitators, will combine their efforts for a dynamic and inspiring conference.

The conference will seek:

- To educate the public on the principles for a just peace
- To expose the current realities
- To offer techniques in peacemaking skills
- To provide avenues for effective advocacy

The core of the conference will take place on November 14 and 15 on the campus of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Additional days before and after are available for specific speakers in area universities, churches, and community venues.

CONFIRMED FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Stephen Zunes—an associate professor of Politics and chair of the Peace & Justice Studies Program at the University of San Francisco. He is the author of *Tinderbox: U.S. Middle East Policy and the Roots of*

Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel—Palestinian American, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church USA 214th General Assembly

Maj. Stav Adivi—Major in Israeli Defense Force, Refusenik in Courage to Refuse movement, activist with Rebuilding Homes

Rev. Naim Ateek—Director, Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem; Anglican priest; Palestinian-Israeli; visiting theologian, Presbyterian Church USA

Ibrahim Issa and Ghada Issa—Director and teacher (respectively) at Hope Flowers School in Bethlehem, West Bank

Rev. Stephen Sizer—International Authority on Christian Zionism from England

Prof. Dorothy Jean Weaver—Professor of New Testament at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA

Jean Zaru—Palestinian Christian (Quaker) from Ramallah, international consultant on peace and justice issues.

To request a speaker, offer co-sponsorship or volunteer for an organizing committee, contact Mary Lou Leiser Smith: MLoupwj@nc.rr.com, Phone: (919) 967-5181 or (909) 967-0829 (answering machine)