

Ending Israel's Occupation of Palestine: What Role for Americans?

CONFERENCE: March 14-15, 2003, St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Livonia, Michigan

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

NAIM ATEEK (Dir. of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem)

INVITED SPEAKER:

MUSTAFA BARGHOUTI (Dir. of Health Development Information & Policy Inst. (Ramallah))

Other Presenters include:

REV. DR. DON WAGNER (Presbyterian minister and professor at Northpark University, Chicago)

ALI ABUNIMEH (*The Electric Intifada*, media critic)

CINDY LEVITT, (Not in My Name, Chicago)

REV. RICHARD TOLL (National Chairman, Friends of Sabeel—North America)

PHYLLIS BENNIS (Institute for Policy Studies, Washington DC)

U.S. REP. JOHN CONYERS (Detroit, MI)

DR. MAY SEIKALY (Middle East Studies, Wayne State University)

DAVID BASSETT (American Friends Service Committee)

Representatives of the Int'l Solidarity Movement, Christian Peacemakers, and Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation

COST: \$60 (includes Friday night banquet; Saturday breakfast and lunch). \$40 (students)

Fee includes educational materials: magazines, booklets, video).

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Friday, March 14

1:00 Registration open, Videos

2:00 Welcome—Father George Shalhoub, host church, & Rev. Naim Ateek, Sabeel

2:15-3:45 The Cost of Israel's Occupation of Palestine

To Palestinians TBA

To Israelis Rachel Persico, international student advisor

To Americans Dr. Bill Thomson, clinical psychologist

4:00-5:45 How the Occupation Is Maintained

-Silencing of religious voices in the US-Rev. Joe Summers, Episcopal priest

- Silencing of the press-Jim Wall, *Christian Century* editor emeritus

5:45 Video from Jerusalem-(by video) Orthodox Archmandrite Atallah Hanna

6:30 Dinner. Keynote talks follow dinner. The Rev. Canon Dr. Naim Ateek,
president of Sabeel, Jerusalem, and Ali Abunimeh, founder of the Electronic Intifada.

Saturday, March 15

8:30 Registration open; Videos and light breakfast available.

9:00 Mobilizing Our Base: The Role for Faith-based communities Dr. Don Wagner, Presbyterian minister and Professor at North Park University, Chicago. Responses from Rev. Bill Gepford, Presbyterian in Dearborn; Cindy Levitt, Not in My Name, Chicago; Imam Muhammad Mardini, Dearborn; Rev. Dick Toll, chair of FOSNA; George Houry, Palestinian-American businessman, Rudy Simons, Detroit

11:00 US Policy—What It Has Been, and Needed Changes --Phyllis Bennis, Institute of Policy Studies

12:00 Working to Influence US Policy-U.S. Congressman from Detroit John Conyers

12:45-2:00 Lunch and Breakout groups "Working to Change US Policy"

A. Media-- Ali Abunimeh; B. US Campaign to End the Occupation- P. Bennis (1st hour only); C. Campaign to Rebuild Palestinian Homes-Karen Deslierres (2nd hour only); D. Breaking the Silence in Religious Groups- Don Wagner, Cindy Levitt; E. Building Community Alliances- Bill Gepford; F. Education in Schools- Dr. Janice Terry; G. Economic Pressure on Israel (sanctions, divestment, boycott)- Dr. David Bassett, American Friends meeting in Ann Arbor; H. Importance of Solidarity/Sabeel's work—Naim Ateek; I. International Solidarity Movement Workshop: Henry Herskowitz, Thom Saffold, ISM workers; J. HCEF Partnerships- George Houry; K. Return of Palestinian Refugees—Education and Advocacy-Dr. May Seikaly, Wayne State

2:15-3:15 2nd choice of breakout groups

3:15-4:00 —Our Challenge- Rev. Canon Naim Ateek and Rev. Dick Toll