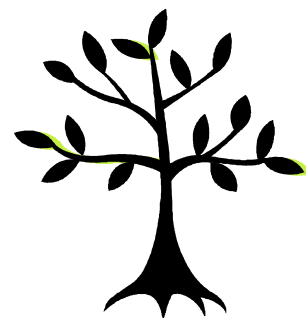


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working together to build a better future in Palestine & Israel

A Two-Day Conference for Peacemakers
New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
1313 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC
March 3-4, 2006



Conference Preliminary Program

Friday, March 3

10:00 am	Registration, Film Viewing, Lunch on your own
1:00 pm	Opening Ceremony
1:30	Plenary Address: Jean Zaru, Quaker Meeting and Friends International Center in Ramallah: <i>"Peacemaking as a Journey of Transformation: Our Inner Strength & Public Engagement"</i>
2:00	Discussion with Jean Zaru
2:30	Plenary Address: Jeff Halper, Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions <i>"Realities on the Ground: Apartheid, Unending Conflict, or a Just Peace?"</i>
3:00	Discussion with Jeff Halper: Nadia Hijab as moderator
3:45	Workshop A 1. <i>CAT: Join the Campaign Against Caterpillar</i> Leader: Mike Daly 2. <i>[Attempts to Censor Middle Eastern Studies]</i> or <i>[The De-Development of Gaza]</i> Leader: Sara Roy 3. <i>Middle Eastern Christianity</i> Leader: Naim Ateek 4. <i>Getting in the Way: Witness in Hebron</i> Leader: Christian Peacemaker Teams 5. <i>Impacting the Media: Helping Each Other Make the Case</i> Leader: TBC 6. <i>Going Back to Basics on the Question of Palestine</i> Leader: Nadia Hijab
4:45	Plenary Panel: <i>"Speaking the Truth: The Challenges Before Us"</i> Susan Akram: <i>Maintaining a Human Rights Framework</i> Liat Weingart of Jewish Voice for Peace, and Professor Don Wagner: <i>"Morally Responsible Investment"</i> Bill Fletcher of TransAfrica: <i>The Apartheid South African Divestment Experience</i>
5:45	Reception
6:30	Middle Eastern Buffet
7:30	Rev. Naim Ateek of Sabeel Jerusalem: <i>topic to be announced</i>
8:30-9:30	Entertainment

Saturday, March 4

8:00 am	Registration
9:30	Palestinian Ambassador Afif Safieh <i>Topic to be announced</i>
10:00	Discussion
10:30	<p>Plenary Panel “<i>What the Churches Are Doing to Promote Peace and Justice in Palestine & Israel: Sharing a Common Agenda</i>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has been your faith community’s historic involvement in Palestine & Israel? • How are they currently living out their commitment to peacemaking? • What recommendations do you have to further this work and coordinate efforts, both interdenominational & wider? • What is your position and/or that of your church on Morally Responsible Investment? <p>Rev. Dr. John Deckenbeck, United Church of Christ Bishop (Ret) Allen Bartlett, Episcopal Church USA Bishop (Ret) Forest Stith, United Methodist Church Representatives of other Protestant Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, to be announced</p>
12:00 noon	<p>Box Lunch and Workshop B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The Black Church, Liberation & Palestine</i> Leader: TBC 2. <i>A Guide to Lobbying & Advocacy</i> Leader: Corrine Whitlach 3. <i>Walling In & Walling Out: A Closer Look at Occupation Policies</i> Leader: Jeff Halper, Facilitator: Mary Lou Smith 4. <i>Demanding Legal Accountability: Two New Cases, Gaza & Qana</i> Leader: TBC 5. <i>Spirituality & Peacemaking in Islam</i> Leader: TBC 6. <i>Furthering the Dialogue</i> Leader: Jean Zaru
1:30	Plenary Address: Sara Roy, Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University, <i>Topic to be announced</i>
2:30	<p>Workshop C</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Christian Zionism: What is it and how to address it?</i> Leader: Don Wagner 2. <i>Morally Responsible Investment, Boycott & Sanctions: A Toolkit</i> Leader: Josh Rubner 3. <i>Pilgrimage: Doing it Right</i> Leader: TBC 4. <i>The Right of Return: A Framework of International Law</i> Leader: Susan Akram 5. <i>Reframe the Conflict: Change the Discourse!</i> Leader: Jeff Halper, Facilitator: Mary Lou Smith 6. <i>Report back: Celebrating Nonviolence Conference, December 2005, Bethlehem</i> Leaders: Jim Vitarello, Phil Anderson, Kent Bedhuhn

3:30	Plenary Panel: “ <i>The Struggle is One: Building a Non Violent Peace Movement</i> ” Representatives from Refusnik, Christian Peacemaker Team, International Solidarity Movement (Huwaida Arraf), Jewish Voice for Peace (Liat Weingart) , and World Council of Churches Accompaniment Program (invited)
4:30 – 5:00	Closing
5:30 – 7:00	Film Viewing (tentative)

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