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Breaking Down the Wall of Silence: Voices We Need to Hear

A Sabeel Conference
to inform and stimulate thoughtful
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26-foot high Israeli Wall, northern Bethlehem

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- US Campaign to End Israeli Occupation
- Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom

Conference Presenters-Partial List

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Jean Zaru—Palestinian Christian from Ramallah (West Bank); founding member of Sabeel; spiritual leader in the *Religious Society of Friends* (Quakers); member of the International Council of the World Conference for Religion and Peace; former president of the Jerusalem YWCA; author of *A Christian Palestinian Life: Faith and Struggle & Overcoming Direct and Structural Violence: Truth and Peacemaking in the Palestinian Experience*. **Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel**—Moderator, 214th General Assembly, Presbyterian Church USA; Palestinian from the village of Kuffer-Yassif in Galilee; Executive Director of Atlanta Ministry with International Students. **Hisham Ahmad**—Birzeit University in the West Bank, professor of politics at St. Mary’s, Moraga, CA. **Mubarak Awad**—Psychologist in Washington, D.C.; founder and director of Nonviolence International, advocating peaceful solutions to the Palestine-Israel conflict. **Anna Baltzer**—Jewish-American, granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor; Fulbright scholar; volunteer with the International Women’s Peace Service; author of *Witness in Palestine: Journal of a Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories*; presentation covers checkpoints, settlements, demonstrations, Israeli activism, environmental issues, the Separation Wall, and more. **Phyllis Bennis**—Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies focusing on Middle East and United Nations issues; has written widely on Palestine, Iraq, and U.S. domination of the U.N., including primers on Palestine and Iraq; former co-chair of the U.S. Campaign to End Israeli Occupation. **Chris Brown**—former Christian Peacemaker Team member in Hebron. **Craig and Cindy Corrie**—Parents of Rachel Corrie, 23, of Olympia, WA, killed by an Israeli bulldozer in Rafah Camp, Gaza Strip, March 2003. **Mitchell Plitnick**—Director, Jewish Voice for Peace. **Mazin Qumsiyeh**—(Qumsiyeh.org) Served on the faculties of Duke and Yale Universities; on steering committee of the U.S. Campaign to End the Occupation; executive committee of Palestinian American Congress (<http://www.pac-national.org/>) and board of the Association for One Democratic State in Israel/Palestine (one-democratic-state.org). His third and latest book is *Sharing the Land of Canaan: Human Rights and the Israeli/Palestinian Struggle*. **Rosemary Radford Ruether**—Carpenter Emerita Professor of Feminist Theology at Pacific School of Religion; author of *The Wrath of Jonah: The Crisis of Religious Nationalism in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (2002) and *Amerika, Amerika: Elect Nation and Imperial Violence*, scheduled for publication in June 2007. **Donald Wagner**—Professor of religion and Middle Eastern studies at North Park University in Chicago and executive director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies; author of *Anxious for Armageddon* (1995) and *Dying in the Land of Promise: Palestine and Palestinian Christianity from Pentecost to 2000* (2003). **Stephen Zunes**—Professor of Politics/International Studies at the University of San Francisco, teaching courses on Middle Eastern and African politics, nonviolence, conflict resolution, and globalization; prominent specialist on U.S. Middle East policy; author of *Tinderbox: U.S. Middle East Policy and the Roots of Terrorism*.

Palestinian girls in Manger Square, Bethlehem



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