

Making a Difference in Palestine - Israel

**Sabeel Conference: Birmingham, AL
February 9 & 10, 2007
St. Paul United Methodist Church
1500 Sixth Ave. North, Birmingham, AL 35203**

Hosted by the Birmingham Chapter, Friends of Sabeel - North America and by Sabeel

***The largest conference on this issue in the history of Alabama!
An unparalleled opportunity to learn first-hand
about the situation, how it affects us, and how we can make a difference. Included are
major presentations by invited speakers; sessions on history, theology, and Peacebuilding;
food; entertainment; and an opportunity to visit the Birmingham Civil Rights
Institute.***

Presenters:

- The Rev. Naim Ateek – Founder & Director of Sabeel; recipient of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship's John Nevin Sayre Award at the Episcopal General Convention, Columbus, Ohio, 2006 - Jerusalem
- Dr. Jeff Halper - 2006 Nobel Peace Prize nominee; Director of Israeli Committee against House Demolitions - Israel
- Dr. Don Wagner - Director, Center for Middle Eastern Studies & cofounder of Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding - North Park University, Chicago, IL
- Dr. Lucille (Sis) Levin – Director for Peacebuilders, a training program for teachers and students - Bethlehem
- The Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel – Moderator of the 214th General Assembly, Presbyterian Church U.S.A – Atlanta, GA
- Dr. Phyllis Bennis – Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies – Washington, D.C.
- Mr. and Mrs. Craig (Cindy) Corrie – parents of Rachel Corrie, who was killed by an Israeli bulldozer in the Gaza Strip, March 2003 – Olympia, WA
- Dr. Muhammad Hallaj – Palestinian Muslim professor – Washington, D.C.

Sabeel, the Voice of Palestinian Christians, is an ecumenical liberation theology movement. *Sabeel strives to develop a spirituality based on love, justice, peace, nonviolence, liberation and reconciliation for the different national and faith communities. The word "Sabeel" is Arabic for 'the way' and also a 'channel' or 'spring' of life-giving water. For more information about Sabeel, U.S.A. website: www.fosna.org Jerusalem website: www.sabeel.org*

The conference begins with registration on Friday at 1:00 pm followed by 2 sessions, dinner and entertainment. After breakfast on Saturday, there will be 2 sessions in the morning, then lunch, followed by 2 more sessions. For those wishing to visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, a time has been arranged after the conference sessions are finished.

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PROGRAM

Friday, Feb. 9

Registration

1:00

Workshop 1

2:30-3:45

- Dr. Jeff Halper
or
- Craig & Cindy Corrie

- “Reframing the Conflict & Changing the Discourse”
- “Building Connections to Gaza”

Break

Workshop 2

4:00-5:15

- Jerry Levin with Steve Petrou
or
- Dr. Lucille (Sis) Levin
or
- The Rev. Fahed Abu Akel

- “Peacemakers”: A Documentary
- “Peacebuilding”
- “Mission, Justice & Peacemaking: Our Calling - 4 Options to the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict”
- “Challenging Empire”

Session 1

5:15-6:15

- Dr. Phyllis Bennis

****Dinner/Speaker**

7:00-8:30

- Dr. Naim Ateek

- Keynote Address

8:30

- The Rev. Dr. Linda Allen

- Musical/Cultural Presentation

Saturday, Feb. 10

8:00-9:00

- Continental Breakfast

Session 2

9:00-10:00

- Dr. Jeff Halper

- “At the Brink of Apartheid”

Session 3

10:00-11:00

- The Rev. Don Wagner

- “On the Road to Armageddon: Understanding Christian Zionism”

Break

Workshop 3

11:15-12:15

- The Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu Akel
or
- Dr. Mark Braverman
or
- Dr. Jeff Halper

- “My Mission Story: What the Clergy & Local Congregation Can Do”
- “An American Jew’s Encounter with Sabeel”
- “The Current Political Situation in Israel/Palestine”
- “A Palestinian’s Perspective”

****Lunch/Speaker**

12:15-1:30

- Dr. Muhammad Hallaj

Break

Session 4

1:45-2:45

- Craig & Cindy Corrie

- “Rachel’s story”

Wrap-up

2:45-3:45

- Dr. Naim Ateek & other presenters

- Dialogue

*Choose 1 of 2 or 3 options for each workshop

** Dinner & Lunch catered by the Pita Stop

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute is open after the conference & at other times.

Registration Form

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Name _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number(s) _____

Email _____

Religious affiliation & local church membership (if any) _____

Organization affiliation (if any) _____

Registration Fee Schedule

- \$60 Registration for Friday & Saturday (February 9 - 10)
- \$35 Registration for one day only (either Friday or Saturday)
- \$25 Student fee

*Please consider making an additional tax-deductible contribution.
Registration fees do not cover the full cost of the conference.*

Payment Method: **Visa** **MasterCard** **Check** / Checks payable to "Friends of Sabeel"

Credit Card Number (print clearly) _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card (print) _____

Signature for Authorization _____

Billing Address _____

Additional tax deductible contribution _____

Total Amount _____

Mail registration form with your payment to:
Birmingham FOSNA Conference
1411 Smolian Place, Birmingham, AL 35205

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To be assured of meals, registration must be received by February 5, 2007