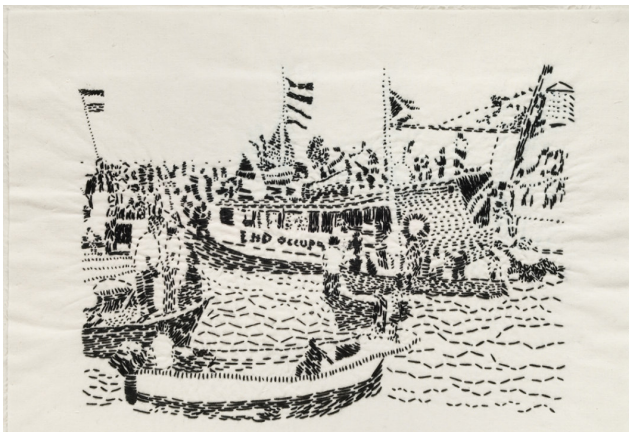




Peacebuilders is a series of embroideries made by fabric artist **Lee Porter**. Each work focuses on ways in which Israelis, Palestinians and Americans are working for a just peace in the Holy Land. As individual works of art each piece has a small impact, but when the entire body of work is seen viewers become engaged in the hope that only peacebuilding can offer. Lee is a co-founder of *Sharing Jerusalem*, a Washington, DC nonprofit organization and of *Way to Jerusalem*, a mission group of The Church of the Saviour. She was a development volunteer for a program helping twenty-nine Palestinians to become Level One trainers in the practice of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s practice of nonviolence. Lee's work has been shown in many exhibitions and collections, including The Children's Defense Fund, University of Virginia Medical Center, The Global Education Fund and World Hope International.

Peacebuilders will be on exhibit during the conference and **Lee will give a talk on Thursday, October 1 at 5pm.**



WORKSHOPS: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

10:15 am *Parallel Workshops*

Rebecca Vilkomerson

The American Jewish Community—Where to?

Nadia Hijab

Answering Questions, Taking Action

US Campaign to the End Israeli Occupation

Palestine for Beginners

Josh Ruebner

Engaging Elected Officials for a Just Foreign Policy

Maher Bitar and Zachary Wales

Palestine Online—Wired for Justice

(TBA) Nonviolence on the Ground: The West Bank

3:15 pm *Parallel Workshops*

Mark Braverman, Rosemary Ruether

Changing the Theological Discourse

Bea Morris, Andrea Smith, Naim Ateek

The Impact of Womanist and Third World

Theologies on Global Politics

David Hosey *A Tool Kit for Church Advocacy*

Jeff Halper *Thinking Out of the Box: Where to Go from Here.*

Maher Bitar *Who are Palestinians?*

Susan Wilder *What are the churches doing?*

What should they be doing?

WORKSHOPS: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

10:30 *Parallel Workshops*

Don Wagner *Dispelling Christian Zionist Arguments*

Ali Abunimah *Prospect for Peace—One State or Two?*

David Wildman

Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS),

A Justice-Based Strategy of Solidarity

Amjad Atallah

What Can We Expect? Peace Plans 101

Phyllis Bennis

The Obama Administration and Prospects for Peace

US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation

Palestine for Beginners

2:45 pm *Parallel Workshops*

Rev. Graylan Scott Hagler

Holy Scriptures as a Justification for Oppression and a Silencer to Outrage

Naim Ateek, Gaby Habib, and Yvonne Haddad

Arab Christians: Past, Present, and Future

Don Wagner

Engaging with Evangelicals on Israel/Palestine

Mike Daly *Travel as Witness*

Noura Erakat *Lobbying for Gaza and Beyond*

Jeff Halper

Thinking Out of the Box: Where to Go from Here

Pursue Justice, Seek Peace! Framing the Discourse Mobilizing for Action

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***“The arc of the moral universe is long
but bends towards justice.”***
—Martin Luther King



Sabeel is an ecumenical peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land and based on the Gospel call to justice and peace through nonviolence. The Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center works to build understanding and relationships among Christians and people of other faiths in many countries and seeks to build a worldwide movement to end military occupation in the Holy Land through advocacy of international law, human rights and a faith-based call to peacemaking.

We invite you to learn more about *Sabeel* <sabeel.org> in Jerusalem, and *Friends of Sabeel - North America* <fosna.org> based in Portland, Oregon.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 5:00 pm Art on display: **"Peacemakers"**
Conversation with the Artist
—Lee Porter
- 6:00 pm **Opening Interfaith Service**—
Rev. Wallace Charles Smith (invited), Rev.
Naim Ateek, Imam Yahya Hindi, Rabbi
Brian Walt and Ms. Ruba Estephen,
Cantor, Antiochian Orthodox Christian tradition
- 7:10 pm **Opening Plenary**
Dr. Richard Falk, UN Special Rapporteur
on Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 8:00 am **Bible Study**—Rev. Dr. Derrick Harkins,
Senior Pastor of the Nineteenth Street
Baptist Church, Washington DC
- 9:00 am **Understanding the Present, Framing
the Future**
Jeff Halper, Coordinator of the Israeli
Committee Against House Demolitions
Nadia Hijab, Senior Fellow, Institute for
Palestine Studies, Wash. DC
- 10:15 am **Parallel Workshops—see back panel**
- 11:45 am **(Box Lunch) Averting Further Tragedy
in Gaza**
Andrew Whitley, Director of the New York
Representative Office of UNRWA.
- 1:30 pm **Panel**
***The Exodus, the Promised Land and
a Promised Peace: Are Religious Texts
Holding Back our Voices?***
Dr. Rosemary R. Ruether, theologian and
scholar, visiting Professor of Feminist Theology
at Claremont School of Theology and Clare
mont Graduate University
Rev. Bea Morris, Womanist theologian,
UCC minister, Ph. D. candidate
Dr. Andrea Smith, assistant professor in the
Department of Media and Cultural Studies
at the University of California, Riverside
Rabbi Brian Walt, Co-coordinator, Ta'anit
Tzedek - Jewish Fast For Gaza
- 3:15 pm **Parallel Workshops—see back panel**
- 5:00 pm **Book Signing with Authors**
- 6:00 pm **Dinner**
Rev. Naim Ateek, Sabeel, Jerusalem
- 8:15 pm Najla Saïd reading her play, *Palestine*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

- 8:00 am **Bible Study**—Bishop Forrest C. Stith, Bishop in
Residence at Asbury United Methodist Church,
Washington, DC
- 9:00 am **Lessons from the Civil Rights Movement, the
Intifada and the Anti-Apartheid Movement**
Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Civil Rights Movement
activist, co-founder of Student Nonviolent
Coordinating Committee, currently Distinguished
Senior Scholar at Emory University in Atlanta.
Dr. Mary King, Distinguished Scholar with The
American University Center for Global Peace, a
Rothermere American Institute Fellow, University
of Oxford, UK, author of *A Quiet Revolution*
Dr. Charles Villa-Vincensio, Senior Research Fellow,
Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (Cape Town),
currently Visiting Professor, Conflict Resolution
Program, Georgetown University
- 10:30 **Parallel Workshops—see back panel**
- 11:45 **(Box Lunch)**
Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision
Jala Basil Andoni, Hekmat Bessisso-Naji
and Ruth El Raz
- 1:45 pm **Panel**
Raising Voices of Conscience
Dr. Rosemary R. Ruether
Dr. Tyrone Pitts, General Secretary,
The Progressive National Baptist Convention
Jim Fine, Board Chairman,
Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)
Rev. Richard Toll, Chair,
Friends of Sabeel-North America
- 2:45 pm **Parallel Workshops—see back panel**
- 4:00 pm **Where do we go from here?**
Phyllis Bennis, Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies
in Washington, DC, and author of *Understanding the
Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A Primer*
George Rishmawi, Coordinator of Siraj, Center for Holy
Land Studies, Beit Sahour; co-founder of the
International Solidarity Movement
Ali Abunimah, co-founder of the Electronic Intifada,
and author of *One Country: A Bold Proposal to End
the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*
- 5:00 pm **Closing** The Rev. Naim Ateek

RESOURCES: A resource room offering books, DVDs
and Palestinian handicrafts for sale will be open
throughout the conference. There will also be
information tables.

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