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Program Director’s Report
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Keep Hope Alive: FOSNA’s New Program Directions for 2013

By Rev. Dr. Don Wagner

When I was selected as the new program director for FOSNA about a year ago, I felt an immediate sense of gratitude for the opportunity to serve an organization that has been an important part of my life for more than a decade. Sabeel-Jerusalem and FOSNA have been sources of inspiration, learning, and a network of fellow-travelers on the journey to justice and peace in Palestine/Israel. However, once my “official” work began with FOSNA it became abundantly clear that I had a steep learning curve to follow Dick Toll’s effectiveness in recent years, but we still had Sr. Elaine, a new chair of the board with John Erickson, and our first board of trustees. It didn’t take long for me to realize that this would be a team effort, an expanding team of not only FOSNA supporters, but partners in the churches, secular organizations, and dedicated Jewish and Muslim colleagues like Jewish Voice for Peace, American Muslims for Palestine, and others. We were entering a new day that demanded more networks of friends on the journey to justice, and in many ways the marching orders were getting clearer. FOSNA, like Sabeel in Palestine, had to take a more aggressive approach on education, advocacy among the churches, and political action—like the call from Palestinian civil society to embrace BDS and other forms of nonviolent resistance. We had to work across Christian denominational, inter-religious, and non-religious lines and we had to get younger. The words of my friend with the Institute for Policy Studies, Phyllis Bennis, came back to me: organize, organize, and keep on organizing. But while we are organizing, we must keep our faith-based justice perspective alive at the center of our core values and work within the parameters of nonviolence.

In my mind, a significant turning point for FOSNA occurred in early August, 2012, when after careful planning by John Erickson, Rev. Bob Tobin, and new board member Wini Wolff, we gathered in Portland, Oregon, for our leadership retreat. Those of us on the planning committee were concerned that we might have a modest number show up as we sent the invitations later than in previous years and airfares had increased. We were hoping for 45-50 participants and when over 90 FOSNA supporters showed up, ready to work, we were thankful and amazed. After three days and countless hours in small working groups, we were able to identify ten major programmatic areas that could guide FOSNA for the next two to three years. But how could we take on all ten of these priorities with one and a half staff and volunteers who were already stretched to their limits?

A small board task force sifted and reworked the ten priorities and brought five major program areas to the board in September, which were unanimously adopted as the new program committee direction for FOSNA for the next two-three years. Each program priority would become a working committee of the board with a chairperson, at least two board members, and at large members with particular gifts and skills for the tasks at hand. By the end of December all five Committees were up and working on their goals, objectives, and specific program goals for 2013.

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The Advocacy Committee was the first committee to be up and running, thanks to new board member and committee chair Andrea Whitmore from Kansas City. Board members serving on the committee include Grace Said and Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel plus FOSNA Sacramento leaders Patricia Daughtery and Maggie Coulter, and myself. Through the interfaith boycott committee (FOSNA, Jewish Voice for Peace, American Muslims for Palestine, and justice networks in five Christian church denominations), a new faith-based boycott campaign is underway that will focus on the Israeli settlement project, SodaStream. This widely advertised product masquerades as an “environmentally friendly” beverage machine that is manufactured in Israel and “helps” Palestinians, according to its CEO. Meanwhile, none of these three points are true as it is manufactured in an illegal settlement on stolen Palestinian land, which us hardly “helping” Palestinians. The SodaStream boycott campaign will “roll out” during the Super Bowl weekend and continue throughout 2013. We encourage FOSNA members and friends to join this advocacy effort, whether you are in churches, on campuses, or work with a secular peace organization (see Andrea Whitmore’s article, Boycott SodaStream, on page 3.)

The Regional Working Groups Support Committee is chaired by Prof. Joy Lapp and includes Rev. Darrel Meyers and Rev. Dick Toll of the Board, plus Janice Hart (Albuquerque), Patricia Daughtery (Sacramento), and Paul Verduin (DC Metro). The committee’s primary goals are to provide support and resources for FOSNA working groups and to start five new FOSNA groups in 2013. Please contact Joy Lapp (lappj@earthlink.net) if you are interested in starting a FOSNA group or would like to discuss resources for existing groups.

The Conferences and Witness Trips Committee is chaired by Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruether, one of the leading theologians of justice in the United States, and is working diligently on a major project we will unveil at the next FOSNA Conference (in Pasadena, CA, on April 6th). Other Committee members include myself, Dr. Herman Ruether, Rev. Robert Assaly (of Canadian Friends of Sabeel), plus at large members Dr. Monica Burnett of Catholic University and Dr. Walt Davis (Professor Emeritus of San Francisco Theological Seminary), and others from the Israel-Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church USA.

A sixth group is the all-important Development and Fundraising Committee. This group had already formed prior to the August Leadership Retreat, and has been very active in recent months. Chaired by the Rev. Ann Franklin, a retired Episcopal priest with extensive fundraising experience in the church and secular world, it has significant challenges cut out for it in 2013-14, including raising at least an additional $50,000 to meet increased needs in Jerusalem and FOSNA. Others serving on the committee are John Ericksson, Dick Toll, Ann Haftten, Carol Dolezal-Ng, Sr. Elaine Kelley, Jennifer Grosvenor, and myself. Thanks to artist Linda Sawayya of Portland, Oregon, Jennifer Grosvenor, Sr. Elaine, and a Lutheran youth volunteer group in Portland, the beautifully designed Christmas appeal, A Gift of Christmas Thyme, was a huge success, raising over $70,000.

We thank our donors

The following report will introduce you to the five committees and give you a sense of where FOSNA is headed for the immediate future.

The Media/Internet Technology Committee is chaired by Barbara Erickson of the Northern California FOSNA working group, who brings considerable journalism experience. The committee includes board member Ann Haftten, Sr. Elaine Kelley, and at-large members Tony Litwinko, Mark Eichinger-Wiese, Jim Wall (of “Wall Writings” fame), and our technology subcommittee, Nick Walrath and Lea Park, which will be upgrading our website, expanding our utilization of social media, and redesigning our brochure. The FOSNA board also recently added our first part-time technology specialist Kali Rubaii.

While media received the highest priority at the leadership retreat, the second highest was a surprise: the need for a Theology Committee that would articulate our core values and address them to the work on Palestine in our North American context. The Committee is chaired by Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruether, one of the leading theologians of justice in the United States, and is working diligently on a major project we will unveil at the next FOSNA Conference (in Pasadena, CA, on April 6th). Other Committee members include myself, Dr. Herman Ruether, Rev. Robert Assaly (of Canadian Friends of Sabeel), plus at large members Dr. Monica Burnett of Catholic University and Dr. Walt Davis (Professor Emeritus of San Francisco Theological Seminary), and others from the Israel-Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church USA.

The Conferences and Witness Trips Committee is chaired by new board member, Rev. David Good, recently retired as a United Church of Christ pastor in Connecticut, Founder and Director of the Tree of Life project. Tree of Life has organized educational events on Israel/Palestine in a six state region on the East Coast, including seminars at Harvard, Brown, and Yale universities. This new TOL/FOSNA partnership enables both of us to expand our outreach and programming. Board members on the committee are Rev. Darrel Meyers, Cathy Nichols, Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel, Rev. Dick Toll, and three Tree of Life members. The Committee is refining the goals of conferences and witness trips and setting up an ambitious schedule for 2013-14. Three FOSNA/Tree of Life witness trips will visit Palestine/Israel in April and June, 2013, with an additional three in October-November, which will include the Sabeel International Conference in Jerusalem, November 18-23. (Note that a limited number of partial scholarships are available, particularly for youth and community leaders who have not been to the Holy Land.)

The next FOSNA conferences will be held in the Los Angeles region (First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena) on April 6, 2013, and Chicago on October 4-5, 2013. Please consult the FOSNA website for dates and registration information.

Don Wagner, leading group at FOSNA Leadership Retreat
Photo: Lee Jaye Knightly
across the country (Please note your letter of thanks and donations statement in this mailing if you donated in 2012.), and we know that with strategic planning, hard work, and your prayers and generosity, that we will be able to meet the new goals.

As we enter a new year, we in FOSNA thank you our readers, our activists across the country, our faith and interfaith partners, and certainly the board and new committees for the remarkable work and generosity that has already transpired. While the occupation of the new State of Palestine seems to worsen, and Israel’s intransigence becomes more aggressive, we draw hope from our faith in a God of justice, who calls us to steadfastness (“sumud”) and renewed energy for the tasks ahead. We take our cues from our God, the model and message of Jesus, and the dedication of those Palestinian Christians and Muslims who with many Israeli Jewish colleagues are sacrificially putting their lives on the line for justice and peace. Despite opposition from the Zionist organizations and the billions our government extends to the injustices in Palestine, we are people of hope. While not optimistic, we are hopeful---like those who wrote the Kairos Palestine Document.

We are not alone, but part of a growing movement of justice for all the people of the Holy Land, and we will not cease our efforts until justice has been achieved. So keep hope alive---and become a part of Friends of Sabeel as we increase our efforts for a just peace in Palestine and Israel. — END —

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Boycott SodaStream
By Andrea Whitmore
In September 2012, Friends of Sabeel—North America, the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, and Jewish Voice for Peace hosted an interfaith gathering to discuss what various denominations and religious organizations could do to help end the occupation of internationally recognized Palestine. At that meeting, we formed the Interfaith Boycott Coalition, taking as our cue the historic votes of two major Christian denominations, the United Methodist and the Presbyterian Church USA, both of which voted at their 2012 policy-making bodies that members and agencies of their respective churches should not purchase any products made in Israeli settlements in occupied Palestine.

All Israeli settlements in occupied Palestine are illegal by international law and are also against U.S. policy as obstacles to peace. Yet settler products are sold in the U.S. If we buy them, we contribute to settlement funding and prolong the suffering they cause. The Interfaith Boycott Coalition decided to focus efforts on a product called SodaStream, a device that makes carbonated water from tap water. It’s made in the illegal settlement of Mishor Adumin and is a major contributor to that settlement.

We ask you not to purchase one of these machines. To learn more about the Interfaith Boycott Coalition and what you can do to help, go to this site:

http://holidaysodastreamboycott.wordpress.com/
and to find an alternative soda device,
http://www.globalexchange.org/economicactivism/sodastream/alternatives

FOLLOW Boycott SodaStream on Twitter:
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BEFORE THERE IS NOWHERE TO STAND
PALESTINE | ISRAEL: Poets Respond to the Struggle
An anthology of poetry with 75 contributors, including the most beloved Palestinian poet, Mahmoud Darwish (1941—2008). Published by Lost Horse Press, 2012.

“Passing Remark”, by Tawfiq Zayyad

When they ran over her,
the mulberry tree said:
“Do what you wish,
but remember
my right to bear fruit
will never die.
Join Us in Jerusalem for the SABEEL 9th International Conference, Nov. 19-25

Friends of Sabeel-North American will be taking three delegations to Jerusalem in November as we join our Palestinian friends and celebrate the 25th anniversary of Palestinian Liberation Theology. Many of us recall how the early expressions of indigenous Palestinian theology emerged during the First Intifada as a grass-roots movement centered largely at St. George’s Anglican Cathedral (Jerusalem). I recall the Rev. Naim Ateek and attorney Jonathan Kuttab engaging in lively Biblical and theological debates with the laity and international friends, exploring how our faith related to what was happening on the ground. Sabeel-Jerusalem is organizing a gathering of theologians and activists from around the world to join local Palestinians to reflect on how the political situation has changed and what our faith, international law, and basic justice demand of us. In addition, site visits will be organized to witness first-hand many of the abuses of the occupation and the people who resist them.

Dates for the FOSNA witness trips in conjunction with the International Conference will be set soon. The details are as follow: the conference itself be held at the Notre Dame Center in the heart of East Jerusalem, from November 19-25, 2013. The conference price of $1,000 includes the registration (if made by May 1), six nights at the Notre Dame Hotel (double occupancy, single rooms are $1450), all meals, conference materials, and trips to the various sites of the contemporary struggle for peace and justice. Registrations after August 15th will have an additional $200 registration fee. Information on the FOSNA witness trips that will include the international conference will be available after February 15th on the FOSNA website. Those wishing to register directly with Sabeel Jerusalem may do so at www.sabeel.org.

NOTE: For a comprehensive listing of alternative travel opportunities in the Holy Land, visit our web page: http://www.fosna.org/content/alternative-travel-listing

Seeking Understanding in Israel/Palestine: A Two-Week Fact Finding Trip June 2-16, 2013

Organized by Friends of Sabeel-COLORADO Program & Registration Information/Brochure at fosna.org

Photo from the June 2009 Sabeel Colorado fact-finding trip.
When Philip tried to encourage Nathaniel to follow Jesus, Nathaniel said disparagingly and maybe with prejudice, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Too often people dismiss the Land of Promise, saying, "Can anything good come out of that place that has known so much war and conflict?" Wisely, Philip said to Nathaniel, "Come and See." (John 1: 43-46). In this journey we hope to find an answer to that question in the remarkable voices of conscience -- Muslim, Jewish and Christian -- with whom we will meet, and so come and see for yourself whether or not anything good can come out of that troubled land.

To Israel and Palestine: April 11—21
Extension to Jordan: April 21-25 (26)

Land Expenses for Israel-Palestine Only: $2,390 for double room; $2,855 for a single room
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Program & Registration information is available on the TOL website: www.tolef.org
For further information and to apply, please send email message to: fccol@snet.net or davidwgood@snet.net

The Tree of Life Educational Fund (a 501c3 non-profit) is a ministry initiated and supported by The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, Connecticut. Further information can be found on the website, www.tolef.org

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Justice and Only Justice
Friends of Sabeel Conference
Saturday, April 6, 2013 at Pasadena Presbyterian Church

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Kuttab - leading human rights lawyer

Plenary: The Theft of Palestinian Resources

Speakers (partial list)
Rev. Don Wagner - Program Director, Friends of Sabeel
Dr. Rosemary Ruether - Professor, Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Graduate Univ.
Dr. Jamal Nassar - Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, California State University
Mark Braverman - activist, author of Fatal Embrace
Rizek AbuSharr - Retired Director General, Jerusalem YMCA and his wife, Alice
Brice Harris - Professor of Middle Eastern History (Retired), Occidental College
Rev. DarEll Weist - Retired United Methodist Pastor
Estee Chandler - Jewish Voice for Peace
Shakeel Syed - Executive Director, The Islamic Shura Council of Southern California
Nicholas Walrath - Palestinian-American, activist, student and writer
Sarah Thompson - Outreach Coordinator at Christian Peacemaker Teams

Workshops (partial list)
Misuse of the Bible in the Palestine/Israel Conflict
BDS and Palestinian Economic Development
Focus on Gaza
How to get the most out of a trip to Palestine/Israel
Christians, Jews, and Muslims in Support of Palestine
The Kairos Palestine document and Kairos U.S.A.
U.S. Campus Issues about Palestine
Volunteering Opportunities in Palestine
Sabeel DC Metro Activities Stir Up the Nation’s Capital

By Paul Verduin (DC Metro)

Founded three years ago, Sabeel DC Metro has established a creditable track record in the nation’s capital by leading and participating in BDS rallies, vigils, press conferences and demonstrations, holding timely symposia, seminars, workshops and film-showings, and educating and mobilizing church members and the general public in a variety of creative ways. Its activities are guided by volunteers Susan Bell, Beverlee Bolton, Peter Bolton, Carole Monica Burnett, Steve France, Lee Porter, Melinda Thompson, and Paul Verduin.

Endeavoring to be always on the forefront when it comes to timely strategies and actions, Sabeel DC Metro is currently collaborating with Jewish Voice for Peace’s DC chapter in holding monthly SodaStream demonstrations at an urban mall boasting four major chain stores carrying the product. The DC-based Friends of Sabeel group was also involved in planning the January 19 pre-Inauguration “No Blank Check for Israel” rally and march to the White House, under the coalition leadership of Jewish Voice for Peace. In November 2012 Sabeel volunteer Paul Verduin helped plan a Capitol Hill press conference promoting the letter by 15 major church leaders and their denominations. The letter calls on Congress to base U.S. military aid to Israel on that country’s compliance with U.S. laws, such as the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act. This press event was commissioned by an interdenominational coalition, including FOSNA.


Sabeel DC Metro’s 2010-2011 demonstrations urging the boycott of Ahava cosmetics provided on-the-street education about the cruelties of Israel’s exploitation of the Palestinian territories and the Palestinian people for many hundreds of DC-area shoppers. These ten events held in front of retail outlets selling the Ahava product provoked a counter-demonstration and a “buy-cott” by a group supporting Israel’s policies. The controversial demonstrations also led to Sabeel DC Metro’s inclusion in an article about U.S.-based BDS activities appearing in the Jerusalem Post. In 2011 Sabeel DC Metro also helped found DC Riders for Peace, part of the nationwide Two Peoples One Future Campaign, which placed posters in DC-area Metro trains and buses carrying the compelling slogan, “Be on Our Side/We Are the Side of Peace and Justice/End U.S. Military Aid to Israel.” 2013 promises to be equally active for Sabeel DC Metro, with an all-day spring workshop building a DC-area-wide network of local church-based Palestine-Israel working groups in the offing. More rallies and educational events are being planned, and congressional lobbying is also on the agenda. Stay tuned! [END]

Successful Conference Leads to New Friends of Sabeel Group

By Patricia Daugherty (Sabeel Sacramento)

Inspired by attending the 2010 San Anselmo Conference and encouraged by the active NorCal FOSNA group, organizers of the March, 2012 Sacramento, California conference determined early on that forming a regional FOSNA group would be a natural result of their conference. “We wanted to bring this amazing Sabeel conference experience to the Sacramento community,” explains Brigitte Jaensch of Friends of Sabeel-Sacramento Region (FOS-SR), “and the response to the conference was so enthusiastic it was just natural to want to build on the momentum, especially in reaching out to area churches.”

Encouraged by the Methodist and Presbyterian votes to boycott Israeli settlement products and businesses profiting from the occupation of Palestine, FOS-SR is actively engaging local Methodists and Presbyterians in the SodaStream Boycott Campaign. FOS-SR is part of a local Palestine Rights Coalition whose members are engaged in the boycott SodaStream effort and is also participating in an effort to expand the SodaStream boycott at the national level. Working with regional Methodists and others on the Save Wadi Fosquin campaign (also endorsed by FOSNA), FOS-SR is raising awareness about Palestinian communities facing extinction. “Through FOS-SR, we were able to show the documentary 5 Broken Cameras at our church in January,” said United Methodist Linda Kuruhrara. “Ours was one of three successful showing organized over a weekend in Sacramento. This film, now nominated for an Oscar, drew in new people from our church, as well as others, who we hope will become a part of our growing Friends of Sabeel community. For more info: www.SabeelSacramento.wordpress.com

Photo: Patricia Daugherty, regional leader, with Iyad Burnat, brother of film maker Imad Burnat of 5 Broken Cameras

Mustard Seeds

FOSNA Local Group Reports

“What is the kingdom of God like? What does it remind me of? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and tossed in the garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the sky roosted in its branches.” (Luke 13:18-19)
Thanks and a Challenge from the FOSNA Development Committee

As we roll up our sleeves and begin work for 2013-2014, the FOSNA Development Committee thanks all of you for the accomplishments you made possible in 2012.

What a thrill it is to acknowledge the 1,390 individuals, churches, groups, foundations and corporations who made gifts totaling $227,151.00 for the work of FOSNA last year.

You helped make possible:
- Start-up funds for regional conferences that reached more than 1,000 participants.
- Scholarships for US youth and young adults to travel to Palestine-Israel
- Seed money for skilled volunteers to serve in a new committee structure.
- Cornerstone and the FOSNA newsletter.
- Support for the work of a dedicated staff and essential operating expenses.

Your additional, special gifts of more than $50,000.00 in designated gifts supported the work of local chapters and large-scale regional actions. You have provided significantly for the mission and ministry of Sabeel in Jerusalem.

The FOSNA Board is encouraged by your generosity. The Board has set a goal of $282,000.00 in unrestricted gifts for 2013, an increase of 24 percent. This is an ambitious goal but it is what we need to increase support for the staff of Sabeel-Jerusalem and to strengthen and expand important education and advocacy work in the USA.

Please brainstorm with us how we will reach this goal. Here are some of our suggestions:
- Each of us will increase our giving this year by 24%
- Make regular monthly/quarterly gifts via the FOSNA website.
- Give more this year — and ask a friend to match your gift.
- Add a gift to FOSNA at the top of your birthday or Christmas wish list.
- Ask your parish to make a gift to FOSNA.
- Host a party-with-a-purpose, invite a FOSNA speaker and take an offering.
- Join FOSNA’s Circle of Friends with a $500 leadership gift.
- Brainstorm with your local chapter ways to help FOSNA meet its 2013 goal.

Challenges confront those who work for justice. FOSNA and Sabeel are taking on those challenges. We express real gratitude for your gifts and acknowledge what we have accomplished together and what lies ahead. This will be a year when the work of FOSNA and the struggles of all who seek justice in Palestine and Israel can bring all of us closer to peace.

Circle of Friends—Leadership Giving

Annual gifts of $500 and higher place a donor in the Sabeel Circle of Friends, a small, dedicated group providing a level of support increasingly vital to Sabeel’s ability to minister to Palestinian Christians and reach more Christians in the United States. We are growing and with that comes more responsibility and more opportunity to expand our programs and events. If you give $500 or more during the year, you are a COF member. Here are the different levels of support:

- $500—Gaza Members
- $1,000—Nablus Members
- $2,500—Jericho Members
- $5,000 Galilee Members
- $10,000—Nazareth Members
- $20,000—Bethlehem Members
- $50,000—Jerusalem Members

Increasing your annual gifts through monthly or quarterly gifts:

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There are so many ways to do the math to figure out how to reach the 2013 goal of increasing unrestricted gifts by 24%. For example: There are 280 individual donors who donated $50 in 2012, for a total of $14,000. Here’s how a fundraiser thinks: What if each of those 280 donated $75 a year ($21,000). Or $100 a year ($28,000). Similarly, we could add $13,000 to our unrestricted funds if the 260 people who donated $100 last year would increase it to $150.

It’s all so simple on paper. It also easy to do this online through our website. You only have to do it once. Schedule monthly or quarterly donations with a click of the mouse. It saves you time, paperwork, postage, and is a huge contribution to our 2013 goal.

Go to www.fosna.org
Click on the DONATE NOW button.
On donation page, click DONATE NOW again.
Choose amount and frequency.
Fill in contact and billing information.
Click continue. DONE! Thank you.
Planned Giving: How to Put Sabeel in Your Will

The most common and simplest form of planned giving is a gift through a will, also known as a bequest. As your attorney will advise, a donor can arrange a gift of a specific amount, a percentage, or even all or part of the residue of your estate. The suggested wording for a bequest to Sabeel is:

For a bequest of a specific sum:
I give, devise and bequeath to Friends of Sabeel—North America (incorporated as Friends of Peace and Justice in the Holy Land), currently located at PO Box 9186, Portland, OR 97207, the sum of $________________ for its general purposes.

For a bequest of a percentage of the estate:
I give, devise and bequeath to Friends of Sabeel—North America (incorporated as Friends of Peace and Justice in the Holy Land), currently located at PO Box 9186, Portland, OR 97207, _______ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate for its general purposes.

For a contingent bequest:
If any of the above-named beneficiaries should predecease me, I hereby bequeath her share to Friends of Sabeel—North America (incorporated as Friends of Peace and Justice in the Holy Land), currently located at PO Box 9186, Portland, OR 97207, to be used for its general purposes.

Contact us to receive a Bequest Intent Form. Gifts through bequests are used by Friends of Sabeel—North America where need is greatest in a given year. Donors are also welcome to specify a bequest for a particular program, such as regional and international conferences, or for the programs and needs of The Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem.

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Archbishop Oscar Romero's Reflections/Prayer on the Long Journey to Justice

It helps now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything. This is what we are about: we plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capability. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, and opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.
