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- Americans for Middle East Understanding, [www.ameu.org](http://www.ameu.org)
- American Jews for a Just Peace, [www.ajjp.org](http://www.ajjp.org)
- Baptist Peace Fellowship—North America, [www.bpfna.org](http://www.bpfna.org)
- Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, [www.btshalom.org](http://www.btshalom.org)
- B'TSELEM, Israeli Info Center for Human Rights in Occupied Territories, [www.btselem.org/English/index.asp](http://www.btselem.org/English/index.asp)
- Challenging Christian Zionism, [www.christianzionism.org](http://www.christianzionism.org)
- Christian Peacemaker Team, Palestine, [www.cpt.org/work/palestine](http://www.cpt.org/work/palestine)
- Churches for Middle East Peace, [www.cmep.org](http://www.cmep.org)
- Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Episcopal Church USA, [www.episcopalpeacefellowship.org](http://www.episcopalpeacefellowship.org)
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: Peace Not Walls, [www.elca.org/peacenotwalls](http://www.elca.org/peacenotwalls)
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- Friends International Center, Ramallah, [www.ramallahquakers.org](http://www.ramallahquakers.org)
- Gush Shalom, [www.gush-shalom.org](http://www.gush-shalom.org)
- Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, [www.hcef.org](http://www.hcef.org)
- Holy Land Resources, [www.holylandresources.net](http://www.holylandresources.net)
- Holy Land Trust, Bethlehem, [www.holylandtrust.org](http://www.holylandtrust.org)
- International Center of Bethlehem, [www.annadwa.org](http://www.annadwa.org)
- Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, [www.icahd.org](http://www.icahd.org)
- Jewish Conscience, [www.jewishconscience.org](http://www.jewishconscience.org)
- Jewish Voice for Peace, [www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org](http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org)
- New Profile, [www.newprofile.org](http://www.newprofile.org)
- Nonviolence International, [www.nonviolenceinternational.net](http://www.nonviolenceinternational.net)
- Palestine Summer Encounter, [www.palestinesummer.org](http://www.palestinesummer.org)
- Palestinians and Israelis for Nonviolence, [www.piniv.org](http://www.piniv.org)
- Pax Christi International, [www.paxchristi.net](http://www.paxchristi.net)
- Pax Christi USA, [www.paxchristiusa.org](http://www.paxchristiusa.org)
- Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, [www.presbypeacefellowship.org](http://www.presbypeacefellowship.org)
- Rabbis for Human Rights, [rhr.israel.net](http://rhr.israel.net) [www.rhr-na.org](http://www.rhr-na.org)
- Refuser Solidarity Network, [www.refusersolidarity.org](http://www.refusersolidarity.org)
- Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, [www.badil.org](http://www.badil.org)
- Sojourners-Faith, Politics, Culture, [www.sojo.net](http://www.sojo.net)
- Stephen Sizer Ministries (Christian Zionism Studies), [www.sizers.org](http://www.sizers.org)
- United Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ), [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)
- United Methodist Church, General Board of Global Ministries, [www.gb-gm-umc.org](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org)
- World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Program, [www.eappi.org](http://www.eappi.org)
- Zochrot (Remembering) [www.zochrot.org](http://www.zochrot.org)

A more comprehensive list of websites is available at [www.fosna.org](http://www.fosna.org).

## CHALLENGING THE CHURCHES . . .

"Israel will never get true security and safety through oppressing another people. A true peace can ultimately be built only on justice."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu  
*Boston Sabeel Conference, April 2002*

"When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises."

Archbishop Oscar Romero  
*(8/6/78) The Church: Called to Repentance, Called to Prophecy*

"Justice is done when international law is implemented, when peace and its derivatives begin to be felt by the two communities. So long as the injustice persists, hate and its derivatives have the upper hand. In essence, justice and peace begin when the oppressor becomes aware of its violation of the other's humanity."

Naim Ateek  
*A Palestinian Christian Cry for Reconciliation*

"I myself have great hope for change in the Middle East. I have hope because for almost a decade now I have been coming to Palestine/Israel and in that time I have met with many deeply committed people who have dedicated their lives to working for a peaceful, just solution to what is one of the longest running conflicts in the world. To all these people I offer my support for your non-violent struggle for human rights and democracy."

Mairead Maguire  
*Jerusalem, Sabeel 7th International Conference, Nov. 2008*

"We should envision a future in which we apply a universal morality, emanating from our common God, measured by a simple standard of behavior, and valid for all people in all lands. These are the universal standards expressed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and we must renew our common commitment to live up to them."

Jean Zaru  
*Occupied with Nonviolence: A Palestinian Woman Speaks*

"The notion that Christians can only have good relations with Jews by turning a blind eye to the plight of the Palestinians seems unshakeable. Palestinians are made to pay for the sins of Western Christians against the Jews."

Rosemary Radford Ruether  
*Speaking the Truth about Zionism and Israel*

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Voice of the  
Palestinian Christians



## Sabeel is . . .

an international peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land who seek a just peace based on two states—Palestine and Israel—as defined by international law and existing United Nations resolutions. Sabeel promotes theological, moral, and legal principles for peace as outlined in the *Jerusalem Sabeel Document*.

## Friends of Sabeel—North America is . . .

a member of Sabeel International, working in the U.S. and Canada to support the vision of Sabeel, cultivating the support of American churches through co-sponsored regional educational conferences, alternative pilgrimage, witness trips, and international gatherings in the Holy Land.

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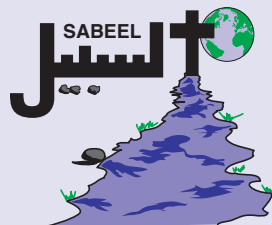
## A Call to the Christian Churches

As millions around the world protest U.S. policy in the Middle East, Christians in large numbers here at home are organizing in their churches and communities, working to educate themselves and others about the Holy Land, to become more effective advocates for justice and peace. Basic information is needed in our churches to respond appropriately to the Christian call to live “in truth” and to be peacemakers. Friends of Sabeel—North America works to help American Christians and their church leaders do just that—by bringing the voice of the Palestinian Christians to them.

**Sabeel** is an Arabic word which means “the way” and recalls the Christians of first-century Palestine who were called “the people of The Way.” The Sabeel Center was founded in Jerusalem by members of the churches of Palestine to foster understanding and peace. Friends of Sabeel organizations have been established in North America, the United Kingdom, France, Ireland, Germany, Scandinavia, The Netherlands, and Oceania.

**Friends of Sabeel—North America (FOSNA)** was formed to support the efforts of the Palestinian Christians working with Sabeel in Jerusalem to promote their cause for a “just peace” between Palestinians and Israelis through principles with a theological, moral, and legal basis—as explained in the *Jerusalem Sabeel Document*.

The *Jerusalem Sabeel Document* is available free online at [www.fosna.org](http://www.fosna.org). You may also request the document in booklet format by mail. Send your name and address, along with \$2.00 for each copy, payable to:



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## A Theology for the Victims of Injustice

“The Bible has been used by some western Christians and Jews in a way that has supported injustice rather than justice. Liberation theologians have seen the Bible as a dynamic source for their understanding of liberation, but if some parts of it are applied literally to our situation today the Bible appears to offer to the Palestinians slavery rather than freedom, injustice rather than justice, and death to their national and political life.”

“The concept of God as inclusive in character and just in all ways becomes clearer when one considers the recipients of God’s justice. Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament, God shows special concern for the underprivileged, the disadvantaged, and the vulnerable.”

“Powerful rulers, in this case the leaders of the State of Israel, . . . ought to take note of the biblical truth that God’s principal concern is for the victims of injustice. Once this biblical and theological idea is understood, it should produce political responsibility.”

from *Justice and Only Justice:  
A Palestinian Theology of Liberation*

by The Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek,  
Founder/Director of the Sabeel Ecumenical  
Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem

A SABEEL EVENT AT YOUR CHURCH can help people to understand the complex issues of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the profound message of justice and peacemaking in the Gospel. Consider one of the following:

- A Sabeel information table following worship services with a display of educational materials including books, videos, magazines, church news
- A Sabeel presentation for your church council, justice and peace committee or other mission committee, adult education class, youth education program, or for the whole congregation
- A Sabeel educational series on a variety of topics (history of the occupation, Palestinian Christian history and heritage, etc.)
- A Sabeel/Church Partnership — forming an active Sabeel church group, co-sponsoring a Sabeel conference in your area, visiting the Holy Land

**Contact us for materials and information:  
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## “Blessed are the Peacemakers”

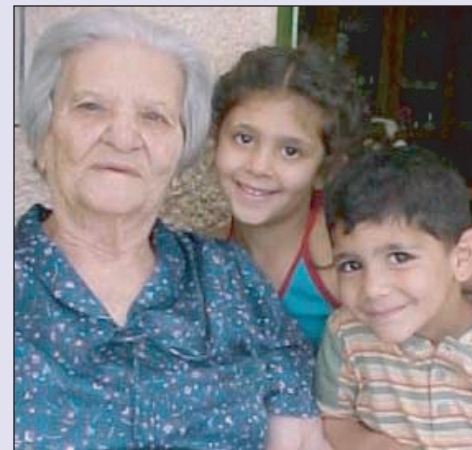
Matthew 5:9

### Sabeel Programs:

- Pilgrimage and Witness Trips
- Regional/International Conferences
- Theological Education
- Interfaith Work and Coalition Building

### Our Peace Partners:


- American Friends Service Committee
- American Jews for a Just Peace
- Christian Peacemaker Teams, Hebron
- Churches for Middle East Peace
- Episcopal Peace Fellowship
- Institute on Christian Zionism
- Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions
- Middle East Fellowship
- Pax Christi USA
- Presbyterian Church USA
- U.S. Campaign to End Israeli Occupation



**Palestinian Christians**, side by side with their Muslim brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, are struggling to survive over four decades of Israeli military occupation, forced to live under the inhumane conditions imposed by Israel’s apartheid system of concrete walls, electrified fences, razor wire, and a matrix of control of checkpoints, illegal settlements, and a system of bypass roads. It is time to end the military occupation and to establish a viable Palestinian state with all the rights, duties and privileges of other nations in the international community.

## Join Sabeel

Complete and mail this form or donate online [www.fosna.org](http://www.fosna.org) to join the movement of North American Christians making change through prayerful action. Receive the quarterly *Cornerstone* theological journal, newsletters and annual appeals, notifications of regional and international conferences, invitations for pilgrimage and witness trips, and email alerts. Any donation amount includes a one-year membership.



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