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Pursue Justice—Seek Peace:
Framing the Discourse-
Mobilizing for Action
October 1–3, 2009

Sabeel Conference
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A Free Palestine & A Secure
Israel: From Occupation to
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Sabeel Fall 2009 Witness Trip
Palestine/Israel
Sabeel Fall 2009 International
October 29-November 6, 2009

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February 19-20, 2010

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February 26-27, 2010

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March 5-6, 2010

See our website for event pro-
grams and registration and for a
comprehensive listing of alterna-
tive pilgrimage opportunities .
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Message from the Chair
Chairman, Friends of Sabeel—North America

Summer 2009 was a very busy time for Naim and me as we traveled
up and down the west coast for a second book tour and the 76th
General Convention of the Episcopal Church, a ten-day event held in
Anaheim, California. We had events in San Diego, Pasadena, Los
Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle, selling hundreds of
copies of Naim’s new book, A Palestinian Christian Cry for
Reconciliation. We are so grateful to our dedicated volunteers in all
those areas who worked hard putting together book signing events,
 fundraisers, and media opportunities. Below are some pictures of our
booth at the convention (photos by FOSNA volunteer Jim Betttendorf).

A real sign of hope is the obvious increase in organized opposition to Sabeel’s message and
our efforts to turn the tide of opinion toward a just peace in Palestine/Israel. Everywhere
we went, those who continue to actively promote only an Israeli view of realities on the
ground attempted to vilify Sabeel and Naim. I say this is a “sign of hope” because of the
famous statement by Ghandi, who said, “First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then
they fight you, then you win.” I remember all those years that Palestinians and their
advocates were ignored and I perceive now very different perceptions. More and more
people are interested in the Palestinian cause and questioning old and inaccurate
interpretations promoted by western media and pro-Israel elements.

We had an especially gratifying experience in Seattle where Naim preached at St. Mark’s
Cathedral on Capital Hill and was interviewed on NPR public radio. Naim was also invited by
Kadima, a local progressive Jewish congregation to speak at their Shabbat service on July
18. Richard Silverstein writes on his blog that “the Seattle Jewish Federation mailed a letter
to Kadima telling it that it was making a big mistake in hosting an anti-Israel, anti-Semitic,
Jew-hating Palestinian speaker.” Kadima did not waver, however, and Naim was
graciously received by the community. You can read the entire analysis of the
event at Silverstein’s site: http://www.richardsilverstein.com/tikun_olam/tag/
attack-on-kadima-ateek/. Part of the reason for such vicious attacks on Sabeel, I
think, is the support we have from many in the American Jewish community, both
religious and secular, as well as their participation in our conferences, their respect
for Naim and changing views of the state of Israel both in the U.S., in Israel and
around the world.

Our Sabeel ministry is an important part of a growing worldwide nonviolent
movement planting seeds of hope for justice and peace in the Holy Land and in the
world. It is a great blessing to be able to see those seeds grow and flower. You are
part of this historic moment, a worker in the field. THANK YOU for your financial
support and for all that you do.
Pilgrimage and Witness
“Come and see”

Have you walked in the footsteps of Jesus? Have you prayed in the oldest church in the world? Climbed the Mt. of Olives or walked the Via Dolorosa? Have you walked through a military checkpoint or seen the Wall that imprisons tens of thousands of Palestinians?

Pilgrimage is a way to renew your faith and Witness is a way to renew your resolve to work for justice and peace.

If you have not yet been to the Holy Land, to Palestine and Israel, please consider joining us October 29 through November 6 for the Sabeel 2009 Fall Witness Trip. It will give you a lift, change your life, ruin you forever. Nothing will ever be the same.

Live life to the full. “Come and see!”

Memories: 2009 Young Adult Conference

Beth Denny, 22, of Oregon was a participant in this summer’s Sabeel Young Adult Conference. Photos (from top right, clockwise): Beth in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mt. of Olives; with Jocelyn Smith, conference participant from California; at the top of a staircase at an old church in Taybeh; and with kids in the village of Omar near Hebron.

Beth writes of her experience: “What was the best experience for me? It is hard to put it into words. You see so much and experience such a range of emotions that it almost takes a whole book to explain. The only thing I can say is: go see for yourself. Seeing for yourself and meeting the people face to face is much more meaningful than anything I could verbalize or write. The day we visited Hebron, Beit Omar and a refugee camp was by far the best day of the whole trip. We met amazing people, people who have been evicted from their homes, jailed, and banned from working on their lands, yet they were still making jokes and laughing and offering us, their guests, wonderful food, tea and coffee, the best hospitality and kindness I’ve ever experienced. It was sad to see and hear all that they have been through, but so uplifting to witness their humanity and to just be around people with such passion.”
**Art on display:** "Peacemakers"—Lee Porter

**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.

**Opening Plenary**—Richard Falk, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights

**Bible Study**—Rev. Dr. Derrick Harkins, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church and Bishop Forrest C. Stith, Asbury United Methodist Church

**PRESENTATIONS: Understanding the Present, Framing the Future**, Jeff Halper, ICAHD; Nadia Hijab, IPS.  **Where do we go from here?** Phyllis Bennis, George Rishmawi, Ali Abunimeh.  **Lessons from the Civil Rights Movement, the Intifada and the Anti-Apartheid Movement.** Bernard Lafayette, Civil Rights Movement activist, Mary King, Distinguished Scholar


**RESOURCES:** Books, DVDs, Palestinian Handicrafts

**FILMS:** Film screenings on Israel/Palestine

**Book Signing with Authors**

- Jeff Halper  *Thinking Out of the Box: Where to Go from Here*
- Nadia Hijab  *Answering Questions, Taking Action*
- US Campaign to the End Israeli Occupation  *Palestine for Beginners*
- Maher Bitar and Zachary Wales  *The Internet: A Tool for Activists*
- Josh Ruebner  *Engaging Elected Officials for a Just Foreign Policy*
- Ali Abunimah  *Prospects for Peace—One State or Two?*
- Mark Braverman, Rosemary Ruether  *Changing the Theological Discourse*
- Bea Morris, Andrea Smith, Naim Ateek  *Impact of Womanist & Third World Theologies on Global Politics*
- Don Wagner  *Dispelling Christian Zionist Arguments*
- Adam Horowitz  *Developments within the American Jewish Community*
- David Hosey  *A Tool Kit for Church Advocacy*
- Maher Bitar  *Who are Palestinians?*
- George Rishmawi  *Nonviolence on the Ground: the West Bank*
- 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*
- Reps of Various Denominations  *What are the churches doing? What should they be doing?*
- Rev. Graylan Scott Haqler  *The Meaning of Justice*
- Naim Ateek, Gaby Habib, Yvonne Haddad  *Arab Christians: Past, Present, and Future*
- Don Wagner  *Engaging with Evangelicals on Israel/Palestine*
- George Rishmawi and Mike Daly  *Travel as Witness*
- Noura Erakat  *Lobbying for Gaza and Beyond*

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- $70 Friday only**  
- $60 Saturday Only***  
- $50 Student/low income fee*

No fee for volunteers (Please contact Melinda Beard at melindabrd@gmail.com)

- $61 is tax-deductible  
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- *** $50 is tax-deductible

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Complete program/schedule and online registration: http://www.fosna.org/content/conference-washington-dc-october-1-3-2009
HIGHLIGHTS


PRELIMINARY WORKSHOPS:
The Christian Presence in Palestine: from Pentecost to 2009 • Occupation of the West Bank: Facts on the Ground • What is Christian Zionism and What Should We Do? • Human Rights: The Situation in Palestine • How to Get Involved and Be Effective • A Palestinian Perspective from Gaza • The Road from Gaza, Nablus and Fallujah Leads to Your Door: Exporting Israel’s Occupation • American Association for Palestinian Rights—Five for Palestine • 4 Options for the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict • Iowa Dialog Center • American Media Coverage and Letters to the Editor Panel Discussion

INTERFAITH SERVICE BOOKS, HANDICRAFTS AND PALESTINIAN OLIVE OIL PANEL DISCUSSIONS MIDDLE EAST BANQUET

HOTELS. Rooms are available at the Cedar Falls hotels below. Conference rates will be available for reservations made by September 10. Please mention "Sabeel Conference" when calling to make your reservations.

- Holiday Inn 5826 University Ave., Cedar Falls (319) 277-2230
- Days Inn 5826 University Ave., Cedar Falls (319) 266-1222
- Ramada Inn 205 W. 4th St. (at Commercial), Waterloo, Iowa (319) 233-7560

Complete program and registration information, updates and local contact information are posted at www.fosna.org.

Complete and mail the registration form below, indicating your registration preference. Checks to FOSNA with Cedar Falls Conference in the memo line.

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION PREFERENCE

- Option A: $75 Full Conference/Pre-Registration before October 1st. (Includes all presentations, workshops & Sat. box lunch; does not include Friday Middle East Banquet)
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- Option B: $90 Full Conference/Registration after October 1st. (Includes all presentations, workshops; does not include Friday Middle East Banquet or Saturday box lunch)
- Option C: $50 Friday program only (includes all Friday presentations and workshops).
- Option D: $60 Saturday program only (includes all Saturday presentations, workshops and Saturday box lunch)
- Friday Night Banquet: $25 A Friday night Middle Eastern meal, served on campus. (A limit of 250 reservations will be accepted)

Please check here if you would prefer a Vegetarian meal for the banquet and/or box lunch. Contact us at iowasabeel@hotmail.com with any special dietary needs ASAP.

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PAYMENT METHOD: □ Check Enclosed □ Visa □ MasterCard TOTAL AMOUNT: $ ____________

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Make check payable to FOSNA and write "Cedar Falls Conference on the Memo line. 
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One Small Donation

Thanks to all of you who gave to our February newsletter appeal (the Friends of Sabeel “Economic Stimulus Package”) and to the Holy Land: Common Ground Easter appeal with the DVD enclosed. You helped us get through the summer when funds are usually the lowest. We just mailed Membership Renewal reminders to friends we haven’t heard from in over a year. If that’s you, please consider a gift of any amount. It keeps your membership in good standing and keeps us on our feet, too.

Yes, we are experiencing fewer and smaller donations, just like many nonprofit and charitable organizations. At the same time, we have not cut back on our programs and are doing our best to keep the ball rolling toward justice and peace. We still have two or three regional conferences each fall and spring as well as the witness trips, young adult conferences, and international Sabeel conferences every two years. We have hundreds of exceptional volunteers all around the U.S. who put on the most professional educational conferences and promote Sabeel’s ministry all during the year through church outreach and special events.

One small donation from you each year provides the encouragement and the “stimulus” to keep us going. You decide what is small because no donation is too small as far as we are concerned. Over 95% of FOSNA’s operating funds comes from individuals—not from grants or from large donors, but from individuals like you who give $20, $25, $35, $50 or $100.

Some enthusiastic members of FOSNA give each month. If you are giving $50 at Christmas, maybe you would consider giving $10 a month to bring your annual giving up to $120. That’s not small. It helps more than you can know. Your donation supports FOSNA conferences (like the ones coming up in Washington DC, Cedar Falls, Seattle, Honolulu and Marin County). Your donation also supports local events and church outreach, and the programs of Sabeel in Jerusalem (FOSNA makes an annual grant to Sabeel Jerusalem of approximately $90,000.

As Dick Toll explains on the cover, we are making progress. Perspectives are changing, public opinion is turning to the Palestinians, and, do we dare to hope?: U.S. policy is changing too. Your small donation is gratefully accepted. A donation envelope is enclosed. THANK YOU.


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An analysis of the conflict over land between Palestine and Israel by a Palestinian Christian Arab who is also a citizen of Israel. The first part of this sequel to Justice and Only Justice focuses on events since the Intifada of 1987, including the violence that has come from Israel’s aggression and from the use of suicide bombers by Palestinians.

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Each Thursday at noon in Jerusalem, Sabeel holds a Communion service that is open to the community. It is a time to join together to celebrate the Eucharist, to discuss how the scriptures apply to our lives today, and to pray for the specific needs of this region. Following the 2006 Sabeel International Conference, the Friends of Sabeel coordinators met and discussed the idea of "Waves of Prayer." The premise is that in their respective time zones, individuals and groups around the world will pray together at 12:00 on Thursdays, in solidarity with Sabeel in Jerusalem and with "Friends of Sabeel" worldwide. Starting in Australia, passing through Palestine, and around the world we will pray for Peace with Justice and focus on specific issues each week.
Resolution passed by the 40th General Council of the United Church of Canada

The Council did not approve a boycott at the national level but did adopt a multi-faceted resolution August 13. "The United Church has not begun or approved a boycott at the national level," said the Bruce Gregersen, General Council Officer for Programs, in summing up the actions of the Council. "However, it has stated its encouragement and recommendation to its member bodies, that they are free to study, discern, and pray, and to undertake their own initiatives, which may include economic boycotts as a means to ending the occupation [of Palestine]." Read more: http://gc40.united-church.ca/en/node/690

At the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church USA the House of Deputies passed, but the House of Bishops rejected, a resolution calling for "an end to the ongoing confiscation of Palestinian land, demolition of housing and the displacement of people" Read more: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79901_112720_ENG_HTM.htm

RACHEL: New film they do NOT want you to see

Watch for scheduled screenings in your area.

This new documentary film about Rachel Corrie, directed by Moroccan-born, Israeli-raised filmmaker Simone Britton, promises to be another effective tool to educate the public on the injustices perpetrated on the Palestinian people. The film screened in New York in April and at the Castro theater in San Francisco on July 25 as part of the Jewish Film Festival, where it caused a firestorm. Below are online links with background and reports:


Muzzlewatch: http://www.muzzlewatch.com/2009/07/29/so-this-is-what-the-controversy-was-about/


Daily KOS: You must not see this movie: http://www.dailykos.com/storyonly/2009/7/21/755733/-You-Must-*Not*-See-This-Movie-Muzzling-Jewish-Dissent


Photo (right): Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Patron of Sabeel International, is presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barak Obama at a White House ceremony on August 12. President Obama awarded 16 individuals the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor.

"The glint in the eye and the lilt in the voice are familiar to us all. But the signature quality of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, says Nelson Mandela, is readiness to take unpopular stands without fear," Obama said. The 16 recipients are a diverse group of activists, scientists, actors, humanitarians and athletes. Obama said they are "agents of change" and that "They remind us that we each have it within our power to fulfill dreams, to advance the dreams of others, and to remake the world for our children."
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