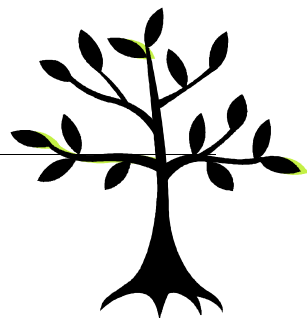


Pursue Justice, Seek Peace!

working together to build a better future in Palestine & Israel

A Two-Day Conference for Peacemakers
New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
Washington, DC
March 3-4, 2006



Dear Friend:

We are writing on behalf of the Friends of Sabeel – North America and Washington Area Friends of Sabeel, to invite you to an important conference on March 3-4, 2006, entitled “*Pursue Justice, Seek Peace! Working Together to Build a Better Future for Palestinians and Israelis.*” The conference, to be held at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Ave NW, Washington, DC, will offer local churches and other religious and secular peace and justice organizations in the Washington, D.C./Baltimore metro area an opportunity to inform ourselves, network widely and provide tools to become pro-active peacemakers. We also welcome participants from throughout the United States and other countries.

It will bring together Christians of Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox traditions, along with Jews, Muslims, people of other faiths and secular persons. Together we will explore and affirm our shared commitment to the active, nonviolent pursuit of a rights-based, just peace in Palestine and Israel.

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 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 of the Holy Land through advocacy of international law, human rights and a faith based call to peacemaking. We invite you to learn more about the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center (www.sabeel.org), based in Jerusalem, and Friends of Sabeel - North America (www.fosna.org) which is headquartered in Portland, Oregon.

The conference begins at 1pm on Friday, March 3 and will conclude by 6 pm Saturday, March 4. At present, we have the following confirmed keynote speakers for the conference: Rev. Naim Ateek (director of Sabeel), Jeff Halper (head of the Israeli Committee against House Demolitions), and Jean Zaru (vice-president of Sabeel and clerk of the Ramallah Friends Meeting). Other speakers and workshop leaders will be added on issues of the settlements, the separation barrier, morally responsible investment, non-violent resistance to the occupation, and U.S. policy towards the conflict and peace negotiations. A Middle-Eastern meal will be offered as part of the Friday evening program, and lunch will be served on Saturday.

At this time, we are especially seeking co-sponsors for the conference – from among denominational bodies, congregations, public interest organizations with shared ideals, as well as individuals. We seek grants (from \$50 to \$1000 or more) to fund the costs of the conference. Please complete the form at the end of this letter and mail it to us to confirm your cosponsorship. Cosponsors will be listed in the advance conference brochure, as well as the conference program.

We also invite members of your church or organization to attend the conference, and include a flyer for circulation to them. The flyer provides further information about the objectives of the conference. Also included is a participant registration form. All conference information and documents are available at www.wiamep.org.

We welcome any questions you might have; please phone or e-mail me, at john.salzberg@verizon.net or 202-258-0569. A response regarding cosponsorship at your earliest opportunity would be appreciated. Participant registrations should be received by Feb. 14 to receive discounted registration rates.

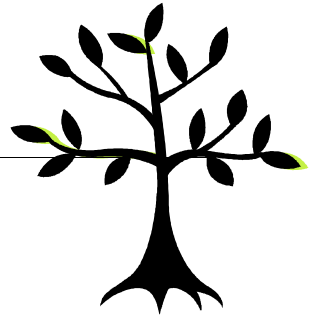
Sincerely yours,

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