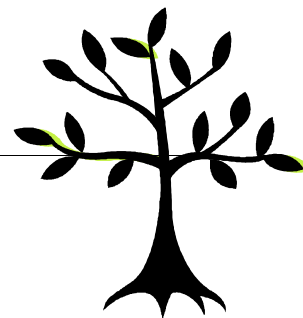


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A Two-Day Conference for Peacemakers
 New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
 1313 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC
 March 3-4, 2006



Conference Program

Friday, March 3

		Location
10:00am	Registration, Resource Room (Lunch on your own.)	Radcliffe
11:00	Film Showing: <i>“Sacred Space Denied: Bethlehem & the Wall”</i> followed by discussion with producer Peter Nagle , founder of “Friends of Bethlehem.”	Basement
1:00pm	Opening Worship: <i>“Pursue Justice, Seek Peace!”</i>	Sanctuary
1:30	Opening Keynote Address: Jean Zaru , Presiding Clerk, Ramallah Quakers, and Vice President, Sabeel Liberation Theology Center: <i>“Peacemaking as a Journey of Transformation: Our Inner Strength & Public Engagement”</i> Discussion moderated by Dr. Mary Hunt , Co-Director, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics & Ritual	Sanctuary
2:30	Plenary Address: Dr. Jeff Halper , Coordinating Director, Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions <i>“Realities on the Ground: Apartheid, Unending Conflict, or a Just Peace?”</i> Discussion moderated by Nadia Hijab , Senior Fellow, Institute for Palestine Studies and co-chair US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation	Sanctuary
3:45-4:45	Workshop A 1. <i>CAT: Join the Campaign Against Caterpillar</i> Leader: Mike Daly , Outreach Coordinator, Fellowship of Reconciliation Interfaith Peace-Builders 2. <i>Attacking Academic Freedom in the United States: Legal and Political Consequences</i> Leader: Sara Roy , Senior Research Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University 3. <i>Middle Eastern Christianity</i> Leader: Rev. Canon Naim Ateek , Director, Sabeel Liberation Theology Center 4. <i>A Solidarity of Witness and Accompaniment</i> Leaders: Sally Hunsberger , Harriet Taylor and Mike Brown , Christian Peacemaker Teams; Huwaida Arraf , International Solidarity Movement; Anne Stephens and Rev. Max Surjadinata , WCC Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine & Israel 5. <i>Impacting the Media: Helping Each Other Make the Case</i> Leader: Sam Husseini , Communications Director, Institute for Public Accuracy 6. <i>Going Back to Basics on the Question of Palestine</i> Leader: Nadia Hijab , Senior Fellow, Institute for Palestine Studies	TBA

5:00	<p>Plenary Panel: "Speaking the Truth: The Challenges Before Us"</p> <p>Moderated by Audrey Chapman, M.Div., Ph.D.; Director, Science and Human Rights Program, American Association for the Advancement of Science</p> <p>Prof. Susan Akram, Boston University School of Law: <i>Maintaining a Human Rights Framework</i></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Don Wagner, Professor and Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at North Park University: <i>Morally Responsible Investment Among the Churches</i></p> <p>Bill Fletcher, Jr., President, TransAfrica Forum: <i>The Apartheid South African Divestment Experience</i></p> <p>Liat Weingart, Director of Campaigns and Programs, Jewish Voice for Peace: <i>The Divestment Movement</i></p>	Sanctuary
6:15-7:00	Resource Room, Registration	Radcliffe
6:15-7:00	Reception	Rm. 127
6:15-7:00	<p>Film Showing: "Search for Peace in the Middle East: Voices of Hope" followed by discussion with producer Landrum Bolling. Dr. Bolling is former Rector of the Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies, Jerusalem, and Director-at-Large of Mercy Corps International.</p>	Basement
7:00	Middle Eastern Buffet	Marshall
7:30	<p>Keynote Address: The Rev. Canon Naim Ateek, Director of Sabeel Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem:</p> <p><i>"Laboring for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel"</i></p> <p>Introduction: Rev. Richard Toll, Director of Friends of Sabeel –North America</p>	Marshall
8:30-9:30	Entertainment	Marshall
9:00-10:00	Resource Room Open	Radcliffe

Saturday, March 4

		Location
8:30 am	Registration, Resource Room Open	Radcliffe
8:30	Film Showing (TBA)	Basement
9:00	Welcome, Announcements and Morning Meditation with Rev. Naim Ateek	Marshall
9:30	<p>Plenary Address: Palestinian Representative to the United States Afif Safieh: <i>"Helping History Make the Right Choices: The Role of Civil Society in Peacemaking"</i></p> <p>Introduction: Grace Said, Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace</p> <p>Discussion moderated by Prof. Susan Akram, Boston University School of Law</p>	Marshall

10:30	<p>Plenary Panel: “<i>What the Churches Are Doing to Promote Peace and Justice in Palestine & Israel: Sharing a Common Agenda</i>”</p> <p>Moderator: Kathy Bergen, Former Coordinator, American Friends Service Committee Middle East Peace Building Unit</p> <p>Bishop (Ret) Allen Bartlett, Episcopal Church USA</p> <p>Rev. Dr. John Deckenbeck, Conference Minister, Central Atlantic Conference of United Church of Christ</p> <p>Father James Kofski, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, Washington, DC</p> <p>Bishop (Ret) Forest Stith, United Methodist Church</p> <p>Rev. Dr. James Vigen, Former Director for International Relations and Human Rights, ELCA Washington Office for Public Policy</p> <p>Rev. Susan Wilder, Presbyterian Church USA</p>	Marshall
11:45	Pick up Box Lunch	Marshall
11:45	Resource Room Open	Radcliffe
12:00	<p>Film Showing: “<i>Sacred Space Denied: Bethlehem & the Wall</i>” followed by discussion with producer Peter Nagle, founder of the organization “Friends of Bethlehem.”</p>	Basement
12:30-1:30	<p>Workshop B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The Black Church, Liberation & Palestine</i> Leader: Rev. Graylan Hagler, Senior Minister, Plymouth Congregational UCC & National President, UCC Ministers for Racial, Social and Economic Justice 2. <i>A Guide to Lobbying & Advocacy</i> Leader: Corinne Whitlatch, Executive Director, Churches for Middle East Peace 3. <i>Walling In & Walling Out: A Closer Look at Occupation Policies</i> Leader: Dr. Jeff Halper, Coordinating Director, Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions 4. <i>Demanding Legal Accountability from Israel in its Courts: Two New Cases, Gaza & Qana</i> Leader: Noura Erakat, Legal Advocate at US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation 5. <i>Courage to Refuse Movement and Current Developments in Israeli Politics</i> Rami Kaplan, Israeli Defense Force reserve major and member of "Courage to Refuse" 6. <i>Continuing Discussion</i> Leader: Jean Zaru, Presiding Clerk, Ramallah Quakers, and Vice President of Sabeel Liberation Theology Center 	TBA

1:45-2:45	<p>Workshop C</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Christian Zionism: What Is It and How to Address It?</i> Leader: Rev. Dr. Don Wagner, North Park University 2. <i>Morally Responsible Investment, Boycott & Sanctions: A Toolkit</i> Leader: Liat Weingart, Director of Campaigns and Programs, Jewish Voice for Peace 3. <i>Pilgrimage and Social Awareness: Planning for "Authentic Tourism"</i> Leader: Dr. Dorothy Jean Weaver, Professor of New Testament at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA 4. <i>The Right of Return: A Framework of International Law</i> Leader: Prof. Susan Akram, Boston University School of Law 5. <i>Reframe the Conflict: Change the Discourse!</i> Leaders: Jeff Halper, Israeli Committee Against House Demolition, and Mary Lou Leiser Smith, Chair of ICAHD-USA and Coordinating Director of the Coalition for Peace 6. <i>Report back: Celebrating Nonviolence Conference, December 2005, Bethlehem</i> Leaders: Rev. Phil Anderson, Kent Beduhn, Jim Vitarello 	TBA
3:00	<p>Plenary Address: Sara Roy, Senior Research Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University:</p> <p><i>“Speaking with an Unclaimed Voice: The Journey of a Child of Holocaust Survivors”</i></p> <p>Discussion moderated by Damu Smith, Black Voices for Peace</p>	Marshall
4:00	<p>Plenary Panel: “The Struggle is One: Building a Non-Violent Peace Movement”</p> <p>Moderator: Jean Zaru, Presiding Clerk, Ramallah Quakers, VP of Sabeel Liberation Theology Center</p> <p>Rami Kaplan, IDF reserve major, member of "Courage to Refuse"</p> <p>Steve Ramer, Christian Peacemaker Team</p> <p>Huwaida Arraf, Co-founder, International Solidarity Movement (Palestine)</p> <p>Dr. Leila Richards, WCC Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine & Israel</p>	Marshall
5:15-5:30	Call to Action and Sending Forth	Marshall
5:30-6:30	Resource Room Open	Radcliffe
5:45-6:30	Film Showing (TBA)	Basement

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