

Breaking Down the Walls of Silence: Voices We Need to Hear

East Bay Friends of Sabeel Conference Schedule

Friday (August 24, 2007)

- 1:00-8:00** *Not-for-profit exhibitions/sales (Hunter Hall)*
- 1:00-2:00** *Registration (Lobby)*
- 2:00-2:20** *Welcome, Introduction to Conference, and **Blessing** (Sanctuary)*
 Tom Samway (East Bay Friends of Sabeel)
 Vivian Zelaya (East Bay Friends of Sabeel)
 Dick Toll (Friends of Sabeel, North America)
 Nelly Coplan and Fred Goff (St. John's Presbyterian Church)
 Father Labib Kobti (St. Thomas More Church)
- 2:20-3:30** *Panel: **The History of the Palestine/Israel conflict** (Sanctuary)*
 Fahed Abu-Akel—The Role of Palestine and Palestinians
 Mitchell Plitnick—The Role of the State of Israel
 Stephen Zunes—The Role of the U.S.
- 3:30-3:45** *Break*
- 3:45-5:15** *Keynote Speech and Response (Sanctuary)*
 Don Wagner—Challenging Christian Zionism and the Theology of Empire
 Rosemary Radford Ruether (Respondent)
- 5:15-6:15** *Supper (buffet) (Hunter Hall)*
- 6:15-6:30** *Break*
- 6:30-7:45** *Keynote Speech (Sanctuary)*
 Jean Zaru—Forty Years of Domination: Truth and Peacemaking in the Palestinian Experience
- 7:45-8:00** *Break*
- 8:00-9:45** *Film (Sanctuary)*
 Holy Land: Common Ground** with filmmaker, **Ed Gaffney

Saturday (August 25, 2007)

- 7:30-4:45** *Not-for profit exhibitions/sales (Hunter Hall)*
- 7:30-8:30** *Registration (Lobby)*
- 8:30-8:45** *Welcome and Introduction to Conference (Sanctuary)*
 Vivian Zelaya (East Bay Friends of Sabeel)
 Tom Samway (East Bay Friends of Sabeel)
 Dick Toll (Friends of Sabeel, North America)
 Nelly Coplan and Fred Goff (St. John's Presbyterian Church)
- 8:45-10:15** *Panel: **Nonviolent Resistance to the Occupation** (Sanctuary)*

Chris Brown—Crossing the Line: An African American in Palestine
Huwaida Arraf—A Palestinian Perspective on Nonviolent Resistance
Mubarak Awad—An International Perspective on Non-Violent Resistance
Cindy and Craig Corrie—The Price of Nonviolent Resistance: A Parent’s Perspective

10:15-10:30 *Break*

10:30-11:30 *Keynote Speech (Sanctuary)*

Anna Baltzer—Life in Occupied Palestine: Eyewitness Stories and Photos
 Introduced by **Barbara Lubin** (Middle East Children’s Alliance)

11:30-12:45 *Lunch (Hunter Hall and Patio)*

Street Theater: Palestinians at the Checkpoint (Hunter Hall)

Students for Justice in Palestine, U.C. Berkeley

12:45-1:00 *Break*

1:00-2:00 *Keynote Speech (Sanctuary)*

Phyllis Bennis—Palestine/Israel in the U.S. Empire
 Introduced by **Dennis Bernstein** (KPFA)

2:00-2:15 *Break*

2:15-3:15 *Workshops:*

Room 200	Stephen Zunes —The Roots of U.S Policy Toward Israel/Palestine
Room 202	Hatem Bazian —Free Speech and Organizing for Palestine in Academia
Room 203	Don Wagner —What Is Christian Zionism and How Can We Respond?
Room 205	Fahed Abu-Akel —Why Divestment Is the Best Method to End the Occupation
Room 207	Mazin Qumsiyeh —Palestinian and International Nonviolent Resistance to Colonization
Campbell	Paul Larudee and Huwaida Arraf —Sailing to Break the Siege of Gaza: The Free Gaza Movement
Sproul	Barbara Lubin —The Work of MECA (Middle East Children’s Alliance)
Fireside	Jean Zaru —Reflections with Jean Zaru on the Role of Religion in Conflict
Sanctuary	Hisham Ahmed —Living under occupation: What is it like?

3:15-3:30 *Break*

3:30-4:30 *Workshops:*

Room 200	Rosemary Radford Reuther —Christian Zionism in Mainstream Churches
Room 202	Hatem Bazian — Palestine in "The New Middle East"
Room 203	Craig and Cindy Corrie —Connecting with Gaza
Room 205	Mubarak Awad —Nonviolence International and Middle East Projects
Room 207	Mazin Qumsiyeh —Palestinian Politics and Programs: Lessons from the Past, Plans for the Future
Campbell	Sandy Toland and Ed Gaffney —The Lemon Tree: Truth and Reconciliation Through Mutual Witness
Sproul	Mitchell Plitnick —Duelling Narratives: How Can We Move Forward with Different Understandings of the Past?

Fireside **Phyllis Bennis**—The United Nations and International Law: Challenging
U.S. Power?
Sanctuary **Anna Baltzer**—Divestment: A How-To Workshop

4:30-4:45 *Break*

4:45-5:45 *Next Steps for Peacemakers (Hunter Hall)*

5:45-6:00 *Closure (Hunter Hall)*
 Dick Toll (Friends of Sabeel, North America)