

## FRIENDS OF Sabeel NORTH AMERICA

### Friends of Sabeel - North America (FOSNA)

is a non-profit Christian ecumenical organization seeking justice and peace in the Holy Land through non-violence and education.



FOSNA works 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 pilgrimages, witness trips, and international gatherings in the Holy Land.

Sabeel is an international peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land, who seek a just end to the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory.

FOSNA seeks reconciliation between peoples of the Holy Land in a vision of peace based on principles for a just peace as defined in the KAIROS Palestine Document and the Jerusalem Sabeel Document, which emphasize from a moral, legal, and theological basis the urgency of ending U.S. support for Israel's illegal military occupation.

## HOW TO REGISTER

### Registration Rates:

(incl. lunch, dinner, and live music)

### Registration Deadline: March 16, 2012

(add \$10 to your payment after that date)

\$90 Full Conference

\$55 Friday Only

\$55 Saturday Only

\$25 Student Rate (*Student I.D. Required*)

### Register online at

[www.barriers-conference.org](http://www.barriers-conference.org)

or download a registration form and mail it to:

Sabeel Conference  
c/o Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church  
728 W. Fremont Blvd  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

(make your check out to "FOSNA" and write "Sunnyvale Conference" on the memo line).

For more information about the conference, speakers, and workshop titles, check out the conference website at:

[www.barriers-conference.org](http://www.barriers-conference.org)

### Directions to Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church



**BREAKING  
THE BARRIERS**

to a JUST PEACE  
IN ISRAEL / PALESTINE

**MARCH 23-24, 2012**

**A Regional Conference Sponsored by  
the Friends of Sabeel North America**

**Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**  
728 West Fremont Blvd  
(corner of Hollenbeck Ave)  
Sunnyvale, California

## WHO IS THIS EVENT FOR?

### Everyone

If you care about peace, if you are looking for an opportunity to get first-hand information about life in Palestine, if you want to hear experts discuss the latest proposals for Palestinian statehood, attend this conference! No matter how much or how little you already know, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to learn and get involved in peace initiatives.

### Bay Area Christians

Come and learn about the reality on the ground in Israel/Palestine. Listen to first-hand stories.

Meet interfaith peace activists. Grow in faith.

### Human Rights Activists

Share your stories. Learn. Network. Become actively engaged in Middle East peace issues.

### Palestinian-Americans

Share your story. Educate other Americans.

### Jewish Americans

Work for a just peace in the Middle East.

### Techies

Meet Palestinians working in IT and High Tech and explore how building bridges between Silicon Valley and Palestine can impact peace.

This conference is open to all, from those just beginning to learn about the issues to committed Middle East peace activists, and anywhere in between. No matter what your background and expertise, you will find a place to learn, grow in awareness, increase your involvement in Middle East peace issues, and network with others.

### Workshops

Conference participants will have the opportunity to attend up to four workshop sessions, each with a choice of at least five workshops, led by an expert in her or his field.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

- 12:30-1:00** Registration & Market Place Open
- 1:00-1:15** Opening Celebration
- 1:15-2:30** Plenary: Existing Barriers (Naim Ateek; Huwaida Arraf, Anna Baltzer, Laila El Haddad)
- 2:30-3:00** Plenary: Islamophobia (Hatem Bazian)
- 3:30-4:30** Workshop Session 1  
Barriers & Consequences
- 4:45-5:45** Workshop Session 2  
Barriers & Consequences
- 5:45-7:00** Dinner (with live music)
- 7:30-9:00** Special Evening Program:  
Palestine & the Arab Spring  
(Omar Dajani, Leila Hilal, moderated by Khalil Barhoum)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

- 8:30-9:00** Registration & Market Place Open
- 9:00-9:50** Keynote: Censoring the Prophetic within Christian and Jewish Communities (Marc H. Ellis)
- 9:50-10:30** Plenary: Christian Zionism & Other Barriers (Rosemary R. Ruether, Don Wagner)
- 11:00-12:00** Workshop Session 3  
Challenging the Barriers
- 12:00-1:00** Lunch, Caucuses, Market Place
- 1:30-3:00** Plenary: Palestinian High Tech: Resilience & Innovation (Rasha Hussein, Joseph Barkawi, Al-Hassan Hleileh)
- 3:15-4:15** Workshop Session 4:  
A Call to Action
- 4:30-5:00** Closing Celebration

## PLENARY SPEAKERS

- Huwaida Arraf** Palestinian Activist, Lawyer, Founder, International Solidarity Movement
- Naim Stifan Ateek** Director & Founder, Sabeel
- Anna Baltzer** Jewish-American Activist for Palestinian Human Rights; BDS Organizer
- Khalil Barhoum** Senior Lecturer in Arabic, Stanford University
- Joseph Barkawi** Palestinian-American Entrepreneur, Infinite Tiers Group, Inc.
- Hatem Bazian** Senior Lecturer, UC Berkeley, Depts. of Near Eastern & Ethnic Studies
- Omar Dajani** Associate Professor of Law, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific
- Laila El Haddad** Palestinian Freelance Journalist, Gaza Mom Blog
- Marc H. Ellis** Professor of Jewish Studies & History, Baylor University
- Leila Hilal** Lawyer, Co-Director, New America Foundation Middle East Taskforce
- Al-Hassan Hleileh** MBA Candidate, Stanford GSB
- Rasha Hussein** Palestinian Entrepreneur, Ramallah, West Bank
- Rosemary R. Ruether** Professor, Claremont School of Theology
- Donald Wagner** Research Professor for Interfaith and Peace Engagement, Eastern Mennonite University, FOSNA Program Director