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Annual Staff Report

(August 2021–July 2022)

Introduction

It is now one year since Jonathan Kuttab became Executive Director of Friends of Sabeel North America. During that time, Jonathan sought to build upon the excellent work of his predecessors and carry out the mission of FOSNA of being a Christian voice for justice in Palestine. Looking forward, we set out to achieve the following goals:

- Fortify, expand, and mobilize FOSNA's constituent base.
- Continue shining a light on the violent reality of Israeli apartheid and its catastrophic impact on Palestinian lives and communities.
- Declare and embody a prophetic message for the churches in America, confronting destructive ideologies and promoting theologies of liberation, justice, and peace.

The Team

Staff consists of Jesse Wheeler as Executive Administrator | Development Director; Rev. Chad Collins, long-time leader with Pittsburg Friends of Sabeel and the Israel-Palestine Mission Network, as FOSNA National Organizer; and Laila Abbas as Communications and Campus Outreach Coordinator. Previously, Laila served as Chapter President for Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) at her university. Finally, Amy McLaughry continues her involvement as FOSNA's long-time bookkeeper, or "Chief Number Cruncher" as she likes to be called.

In addition, we were pleased with the addition of some amazing new members to the board of trustees, including Sabeel founder Naim Ateek as President Emeritus as well as Mary Segall, M. Theresa Basile, and Saleem Alhabash. Nahida Halaby Gordan has taken over as Co-Chair from Brian Grieves to serve alongside Co-Chair Joe Roos. Former board Treasurer



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Paul Parker resigned from the Board of Trustees to accept a position in Ramallah, Palestine. FOSNA is actively seeking his replacement, being very intentional with regard to the establishment of a diverse and representative board in terms of race/ethnicity, gender, social, and ecumenical composition.

Campaigns, Activities, & Special Events

In the past year, FOSNA was able to organize, conduct, and/or participate in the following campaigns, activities, and special events:

- **#Justice4Halabi.** Palestinian prisoner and humanitarian Mohammed El-Halabi, former head of World Vision in Gaza, was wrongly imprisoned on false charges of redirecting millions of dollars of aid money for Gaza to Hamas. 3,277 total signatures were collected in support of Halabi and people were encouraged to contact the Israeli officials directly about their concerns.
- **#StandWithThe6.** FOSNA has also been bringing attention to Israel's spurious designation of six leading Palestinian humanitarian and human rights organizations as terrorist organizations. This campaign has included letter writing, intervention with the State Department and congressional offices, as well as sharing information and updates about the six organizations.
- **Instagram Account Launch.** FOSNA launched a new Instagram account.
- **New Website Launch.** Following a month of hard work, FOSNA was able to launch a new, updated website utilizing the Squarespace platform. This was a major accomplishment with regard to updating the public face of FOSNA.
- **Be Alert: Preach Palestine 2021.** Picking up on the momentum from 2020, FOSNA continued the Preach Palestine campaign for Advent 2021. A new Preach Palestine page was created for the website with new resources for the 2021 advent season. A Spanish language page was also established.
- **A Declaration Regarding Respect for the Bodies of the Deceased.** Having gathered endorsements via petition from hundreds of religious leaders across the country, FOSNA



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sought to bring attention to Israel's unethical and immoral treatment of deceased Palestinians. They delivered this signed petition to the Israeli Embassy in Washington DC, alongside Nonviolence International, and religious leaders from Jewish, Islamic, and Christian backgrounds, to demand the proper treatment and burial for detained Palestinian bodies. The declaration received 871 endorsements, with nearly 300 from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish religious leaders.

- ***Naim Ateek Booklet Launch.*** FOSNA was able to promote the launch of six new booklets from Sabeel founder Naim Ateek. In addition to participating in a launch event, a new page was established on the website for interested persons to purchase and download the booklets, or order physical copies from Sabeel Jerusalem.
- ***Christians in Palestine - Two Films.*** FOSNA was proud to co-sponsor and help organize a film screening and discussion salon by our friends at Voices from the Holy Land. The films screened and discussed included:
 - Bethlehem: The Living Stones, and
 - Christians of Palestine: Life Behind the Wall
- ***Sabeel Memorial Service for Archbishop Desmond Tutu.*** Sabeel and Friends of Sabeel held an online memorial service for Archbishop Desmond Tutu, long-time patron of Sabeel International. Jonathan served as master of ceremonies. While spearheaded by Omar from Sabeel Jerusalem, the FOSNA team (staff and board) was involved throughout the planning process. Hundreds attended and the event was recorded and appears on our Youtube and website.
- ***#JourneyWithJonathan.*** For the month of February, Jonathan Kuttub traveled to Palestine, meeting with and learning from as many as possible about the current realities on the ground, while sharing daily updates and reflections about his travels via social media. He also regularly presented his recent book *Beyond The Two-State Solution*, recently translated to Arabic and Hebrew.
- ***The Other End of the Sea: A Conversation with Author Alison Glick.*** Jonathan Kuttub interviewed the author Alison Glick with regard to her recent novel *The Other End of the Sea*, a tremendous novel about which Mondoweiss declares: "The depth of



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understanding that this book demonstrates for the Palestinian experience over the last four decades is astounding.”

- ***Easter in Jerusalem: Holy Saturday Service.*** FOSNA and Sabeel Jerusalem joined up to host the annual Easter in Jerusalem service. The service was led by Rev. Naim Ateek with assistance from long-time Sabeel friends.
- ***Jerusalem Christian Committee: Freedom to Worship Campaign.*** Together with Sabeel Jerusalem and key leaders like Bishop Mounib Younan and Don Wagner, FOSNA joined together in an ad-hoc committee to address a series of issues directly affecting the Palestinian Christian communities, including the harsh restrictions placed on Easter worship at the Church of the Resurrection, settler takeover of church properties in East Jerusalem, the murder of Shireen Abu Akleh, and what was President Biden’s forthcoming trip to the Middle East. Actions associated with this campaign included:
 - Promoting a petition by Sabeel Jerusalem in support of the freedom to worship for Holy Land Christians
 - An article describing the unacceptable situation as it concerns freedom of worship in Jerusalem, for both Christians and Muslims
 - Presenting to select members of congress a join-letter composed by a broad coalition of leading grassroots Palestinian Christian organizations.
 - FOSNA also composed a letter and received endorsements for a letter to President Biden and the US State Department.
 - Jonathan Kuttab composed and sent a direct letter to Archbishop Dr. Hosam Naoum Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.
 - Finally, FOSNA intentionally sought to highlight and promote those actions initiated by allied organizations that focused on the freedom of worship, a demand for action in response to the death of Shireen Abu Akleh and others, and those sent in advance of Biden’s trip to the Middle East.



- **FIFA: Suspend Apartheid Israel.** With the 2022 World Cup just around the corner, FOSNA and Just Peace Advocate launched together a campaign to highlight the fact that FIFA is violating its own rules in its acceptance of Israeli crimes against the Palestinians. The campaign, which is ongoing, has featured:
 - Collecting the endorsement of a multitude of organizations in support of the campaign
 - Collecting the signatures of many individuals in support of the campaign
 - A webinar featuring representatives from Palestine, the Palestinian Football Association, musician/activist Roger Waters, and Jonathan Kuttab
 - A letter writing campaign to FIFA leadership demanding action
 - Building an international coalition and coordinating between international groups and individuals to stop “friendly games” between Israeli and other international teams
 - Currently, the focus is on helping the Bolivian team understand why they should cancel their match, as happened recently with Argentina.
 - An endorsed letter sent and a letter-writing campaign directed to the Union of European Football Associations
 - More actions to come . . .
- **#StandWithStephen.** Rev. Stephen Sizer faced a Church of England tribunal in response to his advocacy for Palestinian rights. FOSNA launched a mini-campaign asking our constituents to send Rev. Sizer messages of encouragement during this difficult time.
- **#Justice4Halabi Briefing.** FOSNA hosted a briefing on the conviction of Muhammad Halabi. Halabi’s lawyer, Maher Hanna, joined us to explain the situation as fully as possible, enabling us to know how to best proceed in our support of #Justice4Halabi.



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We were also joined by Halabi's father, Khalil, who has been a tireless advocate on behalf of his son over the past six years.

- ***A Dossier on Israeli Apartheid (published by Kairos Palestine and Global Kairos for Justice.*** FOSNA members were happy to assist in the development of a new dossier from Kairos Palestine and Global Kairos for Justice, a "study for Christians and other civil society organizations who want to learn more about the crime of apartheid and why Palestinians and a growing number of churches and human rights organizations are using the word to describe Israel's oppression of Palestinians."
- ***Theology, Liberation, & Palestine: Conversations in Honor of Rosemary Radford Ruether.*** We were joined by Naim Ateek, Marc Ellis, Nora Carmi, Kathy Bergen, and more in a webinar conversation on the past, present, and future of liberation theology in the context of Palestine/Israel, in dialogue with and honor of the life and work of Rosemary Radford Ruether. On top of being one of the most important theologians of recent memory, Rosemary was a dear friend and deeply important to FOSNA and the global Sabeel movement as a whole.
- ***Witness and Solidarity Trips to the Holy Land.*** FOSNA is now actively planning trips to the holy land through Sabeel Jerusalem and our many friends on the ground. Stay tuned for additional details.

Articles, Statements, and Reflections

Over the course of the past year, FOSNA has published the following articles, statements, and reflections. As we began, we were averaging an open rate of approximately 30%. However, this percentage rose fairly quickly to a rate around or above 40% of our approximately 25,000 email subscribers. It is also worth noting that many of the FOSNA articles below have been reproduced by permission or shared on multiple other websites and/or within email newsletters from allied or sympathetic organizations.

Current Email Subscribers/Recipients: 25327

- "A Note from Jonathan Kuttub," by Jonathan Kuttub. August 6, 2021



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- "Cornerstone Summer 2021," by Amy McLaughry. August 25, 2021
- "Member Drive August 2021," by Amy McLaughry. August 27, 2021
- "Detained Bodies," by Jonathan Kuttab. September 1, 2021
- "Prisoners," by Jonathan Kuttab. September 9, 2021
- "Administrative Detention," by Jonathan Kuttab. October 1, 2021
- "Land and Indigenous People's Day," by Jonathan Kuttab. October 14, 2021
- "#Justice4Halabi," by Jenin Kiswani. October 18, 2021
- "FOSNA Statement on Israel's Labeling of Top Palestinian Human Rights Agencies as 'Terrorist Organizations,'" by Jonathan Kuttab. October 23, 2021
- "What's New in Fall 2021?" by Jenin Kiswani and Jesse Wheeler. November 4, 2021
- "New Campaign Announcement: Respecting the Bodies of the Deceased." FOSNA. November 22, 2021
- "Giving Tuesday 2021," by Jesse Wheeler. November 30, 2021
- "FOSNA Christmas Appeal" December 7, 2021
- "Peace and Apartheid," by Jonathan Kuttab. December 16, 2021
- "This Christmas, We Choose Liberation," by Jesse Wheeler. December 23, 2021
- "Desmond Tutu: Champion of Freedom," by Jonathan Kuttab. December 27, 2021
- "Victory for Abu Hawash," by Jonathan Kuttab. January 7, 2022
- "A Rose for Abu Mazen," by Jesse Wheeler. January 12, 2022
- "Anti-Semitism is Sin. Period," by Jonathan Kuttab. January 20, 2022



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- “Twenty First Century Slavery: A Call to Unity—Friends of Sabeel North America, Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace, and Kairos USA issue Joint Statement in Support of Rev J. Herbert Nelson II, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church(USA),” by Mark Braverman with Jonathan Kuttab and Nahida Halaby Gordon. January 26, 2022.
- “Universalism or Exceptionalism,” by Jonathan Kuttab. January 27, 2022.
- “Tent of Nations,” by Jonathan Kuttab. February 1, 2022.
- “Tent of Nations: An Update,” by Jonathan Kuttab. February 10, 2022.
- “#Justice4Halabi: A Day at the Israeli High Court of Justice,” by Jonathan Kuttab. February 16, 2022.
- “Defacing the Image of God,” by Jesse Wheeler. February 24, 2022.
- “Trauma and Gratitude,” by Jonathan Kuttab. February 15, 2022. Web Only.
- “Ukraine, Israel/Palestine, International Law & BDS,” by Jonathan Kuttab. March 3, 2022.
- “#JourneyWithJonathan #KuttabInPalestine #Beyond2States #KeepingUpWithKuttab,” by Jonathan Kuttab. March 4, 2022.
- “For I Will Restore Health to You: A Palestinian Healthcare Initiative,” by Omar Haramy. March 9, 2022.
- “Saudi Beheadings,” by Jonathan Kuttab. March 17, 2022.
- “Israel's Challenge and a Message of Hope,” by Jonathan Kuttab. March 25, 2022.
- “Violence,” by Jonathan Kuttab. March 31, 2022.
- “Ramadan Kareem,” by Jonathan Kuttab. April 7, 2022.
- Holy Week Reflections, by Jesse Wheeler.
 - Holy Monday: Overturning Tables



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- Palm Sunday: The Triumphal Entry
 - Holy Tuesday: What Belongs to God
 - Spy Wednesday: Unholy Alliances
 - Maundy Thursday: By the Sword
 - “Good Friday: I Saw a Lamb”
 - (Video) “Easter in Jerusalem: Holy Saturday Service”
 - “Easter Sunday: New Creation”
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- “Al-Maseeh Qam. Christ is Risen,” by Naim Ateek. April 13, 2022.
 - “Between Friday and Sunday,” by Jonathan Kuttab. April 21, 2022.
 - “All Pharaohs Must Fall,” by Brant Rosen. April 28, 2022.
 - “Freedom to Worship: Palestinian Christians Call for Religious Freedom,” by FOSNA/Sabeel Jerusalem. May 5, 2022.
 - “Campaign Update: Muhammad Halabi & The Six,” by Jonathan Kuttab. May 12, 2022.
 - “Statement in Response to the Murder of Shireen Abu Akleh,” by Jonathan Kuttab. May 13, 2022.
 - “The Ongoing Nakba,” by Jonathan Kuttab. May 15, 2022.
 - “A Joint Letter of Gratitude from Holy Land Christians,” facilitated by Sabeel Jerusalem. May 18, 2022.
 - “Neither Anti-Semitism not Anit-Palestinian Bigotry Belong in the Church-Or Society,” by Jesse Wheeler. May 19, 2022.
 - “#StandWithStephen,” by Jesse Wheeler. May 20, 2022.
 - “Israeli Apartheid & the Power of Sports,” by Chad Collins. May 26, 2022.



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- "FIFA: Suspend Apartheid Israel," by FOSNA. May 28, 2022.
- "The Truth Shall Set You Free," by Jonathan Kuttab. June 2, 2022.
- "Thank You," by Jesse Wheeler. June 5, 2022.
- "Freedom to Worship, Freedom to Be: A Letter to President Biden," by FOSNA/Sabeel Jerusalem. June 3, 2022.
- "Remembering 1967," by Jonathan Kuttab. June 10, 2022.
- "Lift the Siege of Gaza/Halabi Update," by Jonathan Kuttab. June 16, 2022.
- "Is it Time to Talk to Hamas?" by Jonathan Kuttab. June 24, 2022.
- "Celebrate the Victories," by Jonathan Kuttab. July 1, 2022.
- "Christians in Politics," by Jonathan Kuttab. July 7, 2022.
- "Theology, Liberation, & Palestine," by Kathy Bergen. July 11, 2022.
- "Reality Versus Realpolitik," by Jonathan Kuttab. July 15, 2022.
- "Money in Politics," by Jonathan Kuttab. July 21, 2022.
- "Solidarity With the Burnats," by Chad Collins. July 28, 2022.

In addition to the above, FOSNA Executive Director Jonathan Kuttab has had the following articles published in such sources as the Arab Center Washington, D.C., Mondoweiss, the Electronic Intifada and others:

- Anglican Peacemaker
 - "The Role of Nonviolence in Palestinian Resistance," December, 2021
- Arab Center Washington, D.C.
 - "Israel Is Almost Done Absorbing Area C of the Occupied West Bank," October 28, 2021



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- “US-Palestinian Economic Talks Serve Israeli Interests,” December 29, 2021
- “The Russian Invasion of Ukraine and International Law,” April 1, 2022
- “Israel Is Stepping Closer to Controlling al-Haram al-Sharif in Jerusalem,” May 3, 2022
- “Booklet #261: An Example of Israel’s Legal System in the West Bank,” June 13, 2022
- Electronic Intifada
 - “Canada’s contradictions on Palestine,” by Jonathan Kuttab. March 8, 2022
- Mondoweiss
 - “In support of Rev. J. Herbert Nelson II in his courageous stance on ‘21st century slavery,’” with Mark Braverman and Nahida Halaby Gordan as a joint publication between FOSNA, Kairos USA, and PCAP, January 26, 2022
 - “End Israel’s inhuman treatment of deceased Palestinians,” February 2, 2022
 - “Is it time to talk to Hamas?” June 20, 2022
- Sojourners
 - “Where an Olive Tree Burns,” by Jonathan Kuttab. March, 23, 2022.
- Washington Report on Middle East Affairs
 - “Fatah and the PA: A Crisis of Identity,” by Jonathan Kuttab. *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*. September 6, 2021.

The following are known publications that also featured the work of FOSNA and/or Jonathan Kuttab:

- Electronic Intifada



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- “Yes, Canada does arm and fund Israel,” by Ali Abumina. January 6, 2022
- Lancaster Online
 - “Attorney and author Jonathan Kuttab to discuss new book 'Beyond the Two State Solution' at upcoming event,” by Carole Deck. November 27, 2021
- Mission News Network
 - “Six Palestinian rights groups labeled as terrorist orgs,” by Kevin Zeller. November 8, 2021
 - “Amnesty International says laws in Israel/Palestine amount to apartheid,” by Kevin Zeller. February 7, 2022
 - “Palestinian Christian journalist killed,” by Kevin Zeller. May 20, 2022
- Mondoweiss
 - “Israel’s ‘terrorist’ designation of Palestinian rights groups credits ‘apartheid’ label U.S. political establishment denies,” by Philip Weiss. October, 26, 2021
 - “Israel’s ‘terrorist’ label for Palestinian rights groups is aimed at stopping ICC probe of war crimes –Al-Haq founders say,” by Phillip Weiss. October 29, 2021
 - “Palestinian Christians Welcome Amnesty International’s Apartheid Report,” by Jeff Wright. February 7, 2022
 - “Members of Congress call on State Department to insist on religious freedom in Jerusalem,” by Jeff Wright. May 3 2022
 - “Fearmongering and Intimidation by Canada’s Pro-Israel Lobby,” by Marion Kawas. May 10, 2022
 - “Speak out against the ADL’s attack on the movement for Palestinian liberation,” by Jews for Palestinian Right of Return. June 25, 2022



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- “Justice for Palestine means banning Israel from FIFA,” by Paul Salvatori. June 15, 2022
- “The Uruguay national soccer team must reject Israeli apartheid,” by Paul Salvatori. July 10, 2022
- Journalist Daoud Kuttab
 - “World must not be hoodwinked by Israel’s latest lie,” by Daoud Kuttab. *Arab News*. October 26, 2021
 - “When an American Christian Zionist Can’t Even Say the Words ‘Occupation’ or ‘Justice,’” by Daoud Kuttab. *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*. February, 24, 2022
 - “A humanitarian is wrongly convicted of helping besieged Palestinians in Gaza,” by Daoud Kuttab. *Religion News Service*. June 16, 2022.
 - “El-Halabi case exposes Israel’s unjust legal system,” by Doud Kuttab. *Arab News*. June 21, 2022.
- Presbyterian News Service
 - “With a foot in each of two worlds, international human rights attorney has a unique perspective,” by Kathy Melvin. March 11, 2022.
- Washington Report on Middle East Affairs
 - Al-Haq Co-Founder on Israel’s Designation of Group as “Terrorist Organization,” by Elaine Pasquini. December, 23, 2021
 - “Israel’s New Restrictions on Entering the West Bank,” by Zakaria Clark-Elsayed. July 17, 2022



Team-Member Books and Pamphlets

FOSNA is proud to mention the following recent publications from FOSNA team members.

- Jonathan Kuttab
 - *Beyond the Two-State Solution*
- Jesse Wheeler
 - *Serving a Crucified King: Meditations on Faith, Politics, and the Unyielding Pursuit of God's Reign*
 - *The Religious Other: A Biblical Understanding of Islam, The Quran, and Muhammad* was announced as a Christianity Today 2021 Book Awards finalist. Having directed the two conferences on which the book is based, Jesse had a major hand in its production.
- Naim Ateek (Six New Booklets)
 - *Religion and Politics in Israel/Palestine and the Question of Toleration/Intolerance* (Dedicated to Betsy Barlow)
 - *Liberation Theology as a Test for Authentic Religion* (Dedicated to Gustavo Guitierrez)
 - *Palestinian Liberation Theology: A Lecture Given By The Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek* (in Memory of Dr. Michael Prior)
 - *Cry Out, Do Not Hold Back! Finding the Church's Prophetic Voice for Palestine-Israel* (Dedicated to Bishop Edmond Browning)
 - *A Palestinian Theology of Jerusalem*
 - *Christmas Messages 2014-2020*



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Institutional Endorsements and Co-Sponsorships

FOSNA endorsed and promoted the following statements/publications:

- 9/21/21: "NDAA Amendment to Block Delivery of Weapons to Israel," H.R. 4350
- 10/7: "Confronting Christian Zionism: Statement from Justice in Palestine and Israel Community," from Alliance of Baptists
- 10/16: "Canadian call to #FreeAlex Saab," from Just Peace Advocates
- 10/27: "House Resolution condemning Israeli government's criminalization of Palestinian human rights organizations," from Defense for Children International – Palestine
- 10/29: "Letter to Secretary Blinken from US Organizations and Leaders in Solidarity with Palestinian Civil Society," from Human Rights Watch
- 1/18/22: "#BiebsStay4Justice," from Canadian BDS Coalition
- 2/22: "Unilever: Stop Undermining Ben & Jerry's Decision to End Israel Settlement Business," from BDS Movement
- 2/23: "#Defund Racism," from Good Shepherd Collective
- 3/21: "Together Against Apartheid," from Independent Jewish Voices
- 3/24: "UN HRC Oral Intervention on Israeli Apartheid and Report by the Special Rapporteur," from Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS)
- 4/19: "Stand with Alice Walker: Anti-Zionism is NOT Anti-Semitism!" from United National Antiwar Coalition
- 5/4: "Stop the smear campaigns against Palestinian Advocacy!" from Canada Palestine Association
- 5/23: "Joint Submission to the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry," from Al-Haq



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- 6/2: "Letter to Canadian Head of Mission in Ramallah regarding Salah Hammouri," from Just Peace Advocates
- 6/27: "Rep. Ayanna Pressley's #StandWithThe6 Letter Organizational Endorsement," from Defense for Children International – Palestine
- 7/9: "Don't let McGill Silence Palestine Solidarity," from Just Peace Advocates
- 7/7: "Tell the Anti-Defamation League: your lies will never silence the movement for Palestinian liberation!" from Jews for Palestinian Right of Return

In addition, FOSNA was pleased to endorse and/or co-sponsor the following events/activities:

- 11/11/21: *Liberation Theology in the Christian Palestinian Context*. FOSNA co-sponsored this event with the Association of US Catholic Priests as part of a webinar series focused on the Christians of the Holy Land.
- 11:13: *DOING JUSTICE: Israel/Palestine Conference*. FOSNA co-sponsored this event with the Bishop's Committee for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia
- 11/12: *On the Road to Palestine: AMP Annual Conference 2021*. In addition to Jonathan Kuttub serving as a keynote speaker, FOSNA was also glad to send American Muslims for Palestine our endorsement for their great work.
- 11/29: *Liberating Theology, Resisting Empire: A Global Sabeel Gathering for the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people*. Jesse was able to represent FOSNA at this event, hosted by Sabeel Australia with the global Sabeel community.
- 2/23/22: *Palestinian Christians in Australia*. FOSNA endorsed the newly formed organization Palestinian Christians in Australia and helped promote their launch event.
- 3/16: *Holding Israel Accountable: Remembering Rachel Corrie*. FOSNA was pleased to co-sponsor the above online event held in honor of the life and dedication of Rachel Corrie.



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- *3/21: Apartheid South Africa! Apartheid Israel! -- An interview with author Brian Brown.* FOSNA served as a co-sponsor for an interview with South African activist and author Brian Brown, hosted by the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace.
- *3/24: Maryam: A Woman of Bethlehem.* FOSNA was a promotional co-sponsor of this deeply moving play, written and directed by Victoria Rue. Much of the subject matter dealt directly with persons associated with Sabeel Jerusalem.
- *3/25: Land Day: A Day to call for sanctions on apartheid Israel.* FOSNA was happy to endorse this event from #EndJerusalemExpulsions.
- *4/28: Easter: Young Peoples' Hope for the Future.* FOSNA co-sponsored this event with the Association of US Catholic Priests as part of a webinar series focused on the Christians of the Holy Land.
- *4/30: Al Quds Day 2022 in Toronto, Canada.* FOSNA endorse this event in Toronto, Canada.
- *7/20: #Defund Racism: No More Tax Free US \$\$ for Israeli Settlements and the Ethnic Cleansing of Palestinians.* FOSNA co-sponsored this event bringing attention to an important campaign working to challenge those non-profit charities funding radical settler movements in Israel.
- *8/24: Glory to God in the Lowest: An Interview with Donald Wagner.* FOSNA is co-sponsoring this upcoming event by the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace (ICMEP) in support of Donald Wagner's newly released autobiography.
- *Recurring:* FOSNA is also very happy to endorse and promote the twice-monthly Speaking of Palestine radio show, a project produced in partnership between NorCal Friends of Sabeel and the North Coast Coalition for Palestine.

Education and Political Advocacy “On the Hill”

In the last year, FOSNA has engaged in the following political advocacy efforts:



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- While in Palestine, Jonathan met with and discussed his book *Beyond the Two-State Solution* with a visiting delegation of US congresspersons. Copies of his book were then delivered to their respective offices. Delegates included:
 - Representative David Price (NC-4)
 - Representative Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1)
 - Representative Joaquin Castro (TX-20)
 - Representative Seth Moulton (MA-6)
 - Representative Sean Casten (IL-6)
 - Representative Jason Crow (CO-6)
 - Representative Jennifer Wexton (VA-10)
 - Representative Jared Huffman (CA-2)
 - Representative Madeleine Dean (PA-4)
 - Representative Lauren Underwood (IL-14)
- FOSNA has also been involved with others in advocating and informing legislators on the issue of the six human rights and civil society organizations labelled “terrorist” by Israel. We also wrote to the State Department on this issue. Specifically, we partnered with Rebuilding Alliance for a project titled, ***Democracies Must Safeguard Civil Society***. Rebuilding Alliance set up at least 90 meetings with congressional offices to discuss Israel’s unfortunate labeling of top human rights groups as “having ties with terrorist organizations.” Jonathan Kuttub met with at least eight senators or representatives, brought in to serve as an expert on the topic, while Jesse Wheeler utilized the FOSNA database to send out targeted announcements and invitations for FOSNA members to attend such meetings with their own representatives. Jonathan met with the offices of the following:
 - Senator Shelly Capito (WV)



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- Representative Jody Hice (GA-10)
- Representative Pramila Jayapal (WA-01)
- Representative Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)
- Representative Chip Roy (TX-21)
- Representative Lois Jane Frankle (FL-21)
- Representative Ayanna Pressley (MA-07)
- Representative Mike Johnson (LA-04)
- Rebuilding Alliance invited FOSNA to help participate in an additional campaign titled: ***Keep Palestinian Families in Their Jerusalem Homes***. At least 40 congressional offices have agreed to meet and more are expected to join.
- In addition, during June and July of 2022 Jonathan served as a regional expert in meetings with congress in support of efforts to release Israeli prisoner Ahmad Manasra, meeting with the following offices:
 - Senator Brian Schatz (HI)
 - Representative Judy Chu (CA-27)
- Finally, Jonathan was invited to meet with newly elected representatives as part of the Philadelphia Freshman Prep program.

Keynote Speaking, Webinars, & Interviews

FOSNA staff had the privilege of serving as keynote speaker, panelist, or facilitator at a number of venues and events including the following conferences, events, and webinars:

- 9/23/21: "The Toughest Statehood and Citizenship Challenge," by The Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies in the Middle East (Rami Khouri)



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- 9/25: Keynote Speaker, "A Christian Response to Israeli Apartheid," Sabeel-Kairos UK Annual Conference
- 9/29: Guest Speaker, Washington Institute for Foreign Affairs (WIFA) - a prestigious organization of former diplomats and think tanks.
- 10/2: Group Facilitator, "Whose Land Whose, Promise Event," by Canadian Friends of Sabeel (CFOS)
- 10/9-10: "2021 Alex Odeh Memorial Conference," Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee
- 10/17: Guest Speaker, Palestinian Rights Committee, Albany NY
- 10/20: Guest Speaker, Richmonders for Peace Gathering
- 10/21: Interview, Arab Digest Podcast
- 10/28, "Defending Palestinian human rights: what role for the U.K.?" by the Balfour Project
- 11/7: "Christian Zionism: What Is It, How Does it Impact on the Palestinian Question, and How Do We Combat It?" by the International Committee Against Home Demolitions
- 11/12: "Palestine: The Truth...Not So Well Told," by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign Thailand. Event ended with a request to translate Jonathan's book into Thai.
- 11/14: "The Struggle for a Democratic State in Historic Palestine," by the International Manifesto Group
- 11/15: Interview with Researcher Kaleem Hussain (Birmingham, UK)
- 11/17: "Palestine Advocacy and the Law In Canada," by Just Peace Advocates. An event attended by over 300 participants,
- 11/17: Leadings Sabeel Prayer Service
- 11/22: Guest Lecturer, Harvard Study Group with Rami Khouri



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- 11/25-27: Keynote Speaker, "On the Road to a Free Palestine," American Muslims for Palestine 2021 Annual Conference
- 11/28: Guest Speaker, Peace Mennonite Fellowship (2021 Preach Palestine)
- 12/2: Guest Lecturer, "Prison Law, Policy & Reform," class of Shane Martinez
- 12/3: Presenter, Naim Ateek Booklet Launch, Sabeel Jerusalem
- 12/5: Guest Speaker, Upper Valley Jewish Community Forum
- 12/8: Panelist, "Christmas in Bethlehem," by Citizens for Justice in the Middle East
- 12/9: Guest Speaker, Lancaster Friends Meeting
- 12/10: "Human Rights as Terror: Authoritarianism as Democracy," by Just Peace Advocates.
- 12/19: "Jerusalem: Imagining the Ideal City," Symposium by the Jerusalem Peace Institute
- 12/24: Radio Interview, "Understanding Israel Palestine," with Margo Patterson at KKFI 90.1 FM in Kansas City
- 1/4/22: "Yes, Canada Arms and Funds Israel," by Just Peace Advocates
- 1/12: "LABELS & LAWS: Silencing the Voices of Justice," by United Methodist Kairos Response
- 1/13: "The Two-State Solution Is Dead. Now What?" by Nonviolence International- over 340 participants.
- 1/19: Facilitator, "The Two-State Solution Is Dead. Now What?" Repeat webinar
- 2/2: "A Human Rights Framework for a Political Solution," by the United Church of Christ Palestine Israel Network



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- 2/6: Guest, Israel Palestine Confederation Simulation, by Josef Avesar. As the guest speaker, Jonathan took the opportunity to challenge the underlying premise of the event.
- 2/20: Panelist, Dialogue on a Just and Sustainable Future for Israel / Palestine," Interfaith Dialogue Event by Congregation Tikun v'Or
- 2/22: Panelist, Texas State University Dialogue Event
- 3/9: Panelist, "What about Hamas?" by the Ottawa Forum on Israel/Palestine
- 3/11: Speaker, "Is Sumud Sufficient?" by the Mid East Focus Ministry Film Series of St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, WA
- 3/15: Panaleist, "Human Rights in Israel and Palestine: Is it Apartheid?" by Presbyterian World Mission, Israel-Palestine Mission Network, and others. Event canceled twice.
- 3/19: Interview Guest, "A Discussion with Palestinian Peacemaker Jonathan Kuttab," by CommonHumanity.org
- 3/21: Radio Interview, "Speaking of Palestine Radio Show," by North Coast Coalition for Palestine / NorCal Friends of Sabeel
- 3/27: Panelist, "Israeli Apartheid: Pittsburgh Responds," by Pittsburgh Friends of Sabeel
- 3/31: Guest Testimony, "Episcopal Church Convention Hearing," sponsored by the Bishop's Committee (Pacific Northwest)
- 4/2: Panelist, "Direct Approaches to Corporate Accountability in Regard to Palestine Advocacy," by Just Peace Advocates
- 4/5: Keynote Speaker, "WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force Sponsored Book Discussion," by the Mennonite Western District Conference
- 4/6: Keynote Speaker, "Palestine and Lawfare," by Iowans for Palestine and the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights student group
- 4/7: Guest Lecture, Course with Muhammad Abu-Nimer at American University



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- 4/8: Guest Testimony, “Episcopal Church Convention Hearing,” sponsored by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship Palestine Israel Network
- 4/23: Keynote Speaker, “Alliance of Baptists Annual Conference Book Discussion,” by Alliance of Baptists
- 4/26: “Defending Palestinian Human Rights and Palestinian Human Rights Defenders,” at the Quaker Ecumenical Advocacy Days
- 4/27: Guest Lecture, Bethlehem Bible College’s Bethlehem Institute of Peace and Justice
- 4/28: “Arab-American Heritage Month Talk,” by the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- 5/4: Guest Speaker, Jewish Network for Palestine
- 5/8: Guest Speaker, St. John’s Episcopal Church
- 5/11: Guest Speaker, “Beyond the Two-State Solution,” by Nazareth Project
- 5/12: Testimony in support of the overtures, “On Recognition That Israel’s Laws, Policies, and Practices Constitute Apartheid Against the Palestinian People” and “A Call for Ending the Siege of Gaza and Collective Punishment of Innocent Palestinian and Israeli Citizens,” Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly 2022
- 5/19: Guest Speaker, “Advisory Council for Unexpected Peace”
- 5/19: Panelist, “A New Path To Peace: Examining a One-State Solution for Israel-Palestine,” by Richmoders for Peace in Israel-Palestine
- 5/28: Panelist, “FIFA: Suspend Apartheid Israel,” by Friends of Sabeel North America and Just Peace Advocates
- 6/15: Featured Guest, “How to Think about Converting an Apartheid Regime into a Democratic State: Bob Herbst Talks with Jonathan Kuttub of FOSNA,” by the International Committee Against Home Demolitions-USA.



- 6/18: Panelist, “COGAT: Israel’s New Travel Restrictions,” by Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee

Recurring Gatherings & Meetings

The following gatherings or meetings occur on a weekly, monthly, or semi-regular basis (excluding ongoing staff, board, committee, or specific event planning meetings and interviews):

- In March, FOSNA reinstated the administration of monthly gatherings for **Denominational/PIN Leadership**. While administered by FOSNA, the gathering is envisioned as being by and for all members of the group. We meet together online every fourth Monday of the month. This recently led to the discussion of forming topical working groups.
- FOSNA has been involved in planning stages of the **Apartheid Free Congregations** campaign, alongside our friends at the American Friends Service Committee, BDS, and other denominational leaders/allies. The campaign has yet to launch, but regular steering team meetings are underway.
- FOSNA members regularly attend the monthly **BDS Grassroots Campaigning Check-In**.
- We also attend the regular **No-IHRA** international network gatherings to challenge the abuse of the IHRA definition of antisemitism to silence Palestinian advocacy .
- Meetings of the **Christian Zionism Geopolitical Working Group**.
- In addition to being regularly involved in the weekly **Sabeel Prayer Service** and the **Kumi Now** online gatherings, FOSNA has instituted weekly meetings with Omar Haramy who is the director of Sabeel Jerusalem.
- Finally, Jonathan Kuttub is also a board member and active participant of the **Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace (PCAP)**, as well as an active member of the **Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN)** steering committee.



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- Chad Collins is regularly involved with **Pittsburgh Friends of Sabeel** and the **Israel-Palestine Mission Network (IPMN)** of the PC(USA).
- Jesse Wheeler is in fairly regular contact with **NorCal Friends of Sabeel**, assisting as he can with their webpage and promoting regional events and activities.
- Laila Abbas is in regular contact with **Students for Justice in Palestine**.

Partnership Building

As a result of the global pandemic, there has been a need to jumpstart various groups and programs. As such, FOSNA staff have been reaching out to the leadership of FOSNA's local affiliate groups as well as other groups with whom FOSNA has had close relationships.

- 8/14 to Present: One of Jonathan's first acts as Executive Director was to give a presentation to the SoCal FOSNA group. This was followed up by a trip to Southern California for two in-person gatherings (10/9) and regular follow-up gatherings as related to an upcoming regional conference hosted by SoCal FOSNA. While in California, Jonathan was also able to meet together with the regional affiliate of CAIR.
- 8/27: Jonathan also met with the Clergy and Seminary Action Council to express his support and discuss his coming on board as director.
- 8/15-17: Jonathan traveled to Pittsburgh to meet with the local FOSNA affiliate
- 9/21: FOSNA staff met with Rev. Graylan Hagler to discuss his being able to possibly join the board of trustees, as well as to discuss the topic of Black-Palestinian solidarity.
- 9/29: FOSNA staff held a Zoom call with the facilitator of the Claremont FOSNA group, which was followed up later (8/14) with a zoom call to the whole group.
- 10/6: FOSNA staff met with Noam Perry from American Friends Service Committee with regard to a Pillsbury Boycott.
- 10/10: Jonathan traveled to Northern California for a much needed gathering with the steering committee of the NorCal Sabeel group. As part of this trip, he also met FOSNA



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Executive Administrator Jesse in person for the first time. In addition, Jonathan met with influential Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb and FOSNA board member Brian Grieves.

- 10/26: FOSNA staff met online with the leadership of the Colorado FOSA group
- 11/4: FOSNA staff met with Ghassan Tarazi of the Alliance of Baptists. This was followed shortly by participation in an important webinar hosted by the Alliance (11/18).
- 11/16: FOSNA staff held a Zoom meeting with the administrative team behind the website www.christianzionism.org. This was followed up by additional meetings.
- 11/19: Jonathan met with former FOSNA director Dick Toll, specifically with regard to the planning of regional Sabeel conferences.
- 11/28: FOSNA Staff meet with Michael Spath of the Indiana Center for Middle East (ICMEP), which is listed as the regional FOSNA affiliate for Indiana
- 2/1: Jonathan had several meetings with Saleem Zaru from United Palestinian Appeal (UPA), with whom he now meets regularly.
- 2/2: FOSNA staff met with the leadership of the Philadelphia Jewish Christian Alliance for Peace, which is listed as FOSNA's affiliate in the city
- While in Palestine during the month of February, Jonathan connected and networked with many friends and partners, as described at the following link:
<https://www.fosna.org/the-fosna-blog/journeywithjonathan-kuttabinpalestine-beyond2states-keepingupwithkuttab>
- 3/24: The FOSNA team joined with the BDS national coalition for a two day online retreat to discuss the current state of the movement in North America, theories of change, and next stages.
- 4/6: As a Keynote Speaker for the event, "Palestine and Lawfare," by Iowans for Palestine Jonathan Kuttab and the FOSNA Team got to reconnect with their regional affiliate group Iowans for Peace Now



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- 4/13: The FOSNA Team met with Just Vision to discuss avenues of promotion for and activism surrounding their new film “Boycott”
- 4/14: The FOSNA team met with CMEP Leadership to dialogue over important issues related to focus and avenues for advocacy and activism.
- 7/15: The FOSNA Team was able to meet with the newly formed Partners 4 Palestine with regard to planning a regional Sabeel conference and bringing the group on board as a regional FOSNA affiliate.

With the addition to the team of Chad Collins as FOSNA National Organizer, regular communication and partnership building with friends, partners, and allies across the country has increased exponentially, no longer warranting their inclusion in this list. The FOSNA Team is currently in the process of scheduling additional travel opportunities to connect in person with our friends and partners across the country.

Web Traffic & Social Media

Some of the initial challenges this past year involved the construction and launch of a new website to replace the old site, as well as reviving the FOSNA Twitter and Facebook accounts. We also established an Instagram account as well as podcast account with Spotify, Soundcloud and others. Tic Toc is in the works. We have maintained a consistently active presence on social media.

- Website
 - Unique Visitors: 12,000
 - Page Views: 27,000
- Twitter
 - Followers: 2,410
 - Impressions/Reach: 68,300



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- August-January: 21,000
- February-July: 47,300
- Facebook
 - Page Likes: 6,886
 - Total Reach: 71,172
- Instagram
 - Total Followers: 288
 - Total Reach: 2,884

Resource Allocation

In the past year, FOSNA made great strides with regard to financial and institutional transparency:

- As a result of our work, FOSNA is very proud to have achieved a **Platinum Rating** from GuideStar (now Candid.)
- FOSNA earned a “Give with Confidence” rating from Charity Navigator, who, upon receiving all necessary documentation from the IRS, will present FOSNA with an updated rating.
- An independent 2021 Financial Review has been completed and will be made available to donors and stakeholders.

Conclusions

As you can see from the survey above, the FOSNA team has been incredibly active in the past year. The first six months focused quite intentionally on organizational fortification, while the past six months witnessed FOSNA step out in terms of our vision and mission as a Christian Voice for Palestine.