

Called to Build Bridges Instead of Walls

US Policy in Palestine-Israel

**Engaging Faith Communities in
Pursuit of a Just Peace**

Keynote speaker:

Friday, 7:00 pm — Phyllis Bennis

Institute for Policy Studies,

US Campaign to End the Occupation

Saturday, 7:00 pm — Laila El -Haddad

Palestinian freelance journalist and blogger

*(For a full listing of workshops and co-sponsors,
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Friday, October 14 1-9 pm

Saturday, October 15 9am TO 9 pm

Our Lady Of Immaculate Heart Church

510 East 1st Street, Ankeny, Iowa

Photo of Israeli separation wall by Ursula Gallagher

Suggested registration fee:

\$30 for adults, \$10 for students. Scholarships are available.

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Keynoters: **Phyllis Bennis**, Fellow at Institute for Policy Studies; author of *Understanding the Palestinian-Israeli conflict: A Primer*
Laila El -Haddad, Palestinian freelance journalist and blogger

Plenaries:

Introduction to Palestine/Israel

Jeremy Brigham

A Faith Panel—*Jerusalem: What it Means to Three Faith Traditions*

Debunking Myths About Islam

Mohammed Fahmy, Industrial Tech., Univ. of Northern Iowa

Muslim Contributions to Knowledge

Ahmed Kamel, ISU prof., Board Chair CAIR-Iowa &

Islamic Center of Ames

Tracks

Policy Impact

Challenging US Military

Aid to Israel

Local Movement Building

Grassroots Organizing

Peace by Piece

Organizing Within the Churches

US Campaign To End the Occupation

AAPER—American Association for Palestinian Equal Rights

Jennifer Bing, AFSC Middle East Program, Chicago

Pat Minor—Public access TV as alternative media

Rev. David Wildman, Board of Global Ministry, UMC

Palestine Support-Internal/External

Fair Trade – Canaan,

Pal Craftaid

Ethical Travel to Palestine

Divesting from Israeli Occupation

Inside Gaza Today

Lynn Pollack –Jewish Voices for Peace

Liz Knott & Connie DePond– Presbyterian Activists

Group Travel— Minnesota

Minnesota Break the Bonds

Yaser Abu Dagga, Palestinian American, recently returned from Gaza

Information Forums

Palestinian Christians & the Kairos document

An Ethical Perspective on US Policy in I-P

Israel – Palestine: A Regional Perspective

Beyond Zionism: A Jewish Perspective

Christian Zionism

Dr. Ronald Stone, Emeritus Prof. at Pitt. Theological Seminary

Dr. Ronald Stone

Mahmoud Hamad, Asst. Prof. of Politics & Int'l Relations, Drake

Lynn Pollack, Jewish Voices for Peace

Rev. Don Wagner, Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding

Young Adult

Spoken Word Art

Organizing on Campuses

Youth travels in Palestine

Remi Kanazi, author & poet: "Poetic Injustice: Writings on Resistance in Palestine, www.poeticinjustice.com

Miryam Rashid, AFSC Middle East Program, Chicago

Conference co-sponsors to date include:

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Daral Arqum Islamic Center

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Des Moines Catholic Worker House

Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting

Iowans for a Free Palestine

Islamic Center of Des Moines

Islamic Services of America

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