

Called to Build Bridges Instead of Walls

US Policy in Palestine-Israel

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

Keynote speakers:

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,
please see <http://afsc-iowaconference.org>
or page two of this flyer.)*

Friday, October 14—12:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday, October 15—8:30 am to 8:30 pm

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church

510 East 1st Street, Ankeny, Iowa

Photo of Israeli separation wall by Ursula Gallagher

Suggested registration fee:

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

After Sept. 30: Adult registration is \$40.

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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
Muslim Contributions to Knowledge

Mohammed Fahmy, Industrial Tech., Univ. of Northern Iowa
Ahmed Kamel, ISU prof., Board Chair CAIR-Iowa &
Islamic Center of Ames

Tracks

Policy Impact

Challenging US Military
Aid to Israel
Grassroots Organizing
Peace by Piece
Organizing Within the Churches

Josh Ruebner, US Campaign To End the Occupation

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 Dagg, Palestinian American, recently returned from
Gaza

Information Forums

Palestinian Christians & the Kairos document **Dr. Ronald Stone**, Emeritus Prof. at Pitt. Theological Seminary
An Ethical Perspective on US Policy in I-P **Dr. Ronald Stone**
Israel – Palestine: A Regional Perspective **Mahmoud Hamad**, Asst. Prof. of Politics & Int'l Relations, Drake
Beyond Zionism: A Jewish Perspective **Lynn Pollack**, Jewish Voices for Peace
Christian Zionism **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

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Daral Arqum Islamic Center
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Des Moines Catholic Worker House
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Iowans for a Free Palestine
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Islamic Services of America

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