

Whether you are new to the issue of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict or you have studied the topic for years, this symposium is for you.

Come and learn about:

- America's role in the Occupation
- Faith perspectives on the conflict
- Becoming active in peacemaking

**The Middle East Peace Education Coalition (MEPEC) is guided by a belief in the worth of every individual.**

Our mission is to work toward a just peace in Israel/Palestine by:

- Changing US policies that have supported and continue to support the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands.
- Affirming the human rights of all people to self-determination and to security within identified borders.
- Recognizing the right and responsibility of the people of the region to decide on the governance of their state(s).
- Committing to the principle that international law must be the framework for resolving the conflict.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our work, contact Christine Anders at [christine@dmfirstchurch.org](mailto:christine@dmfirstchurch.org) or Kathleen McQuillen at [kathleenmcquillen@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmcquillen@gmail.com)

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## **Unheard Voices From the Heart of Palestine**



(Art work by Rev. Steve Braudt, founder of The Art Project, Palestine)

**Saturday,  
September 30, 2017  
8:45 am – 4:30 pm**

**First United Methodist Church  
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## Workshop Agenda

- 8:45 – 9:15 Registration, Fellowship
- 9:15 – 9:30 Announcements and Introductions
- 9:30 – 10:30 Keynote – Rev. Naim Ateek
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 Keynote – Phyllis Bennis
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:15 – 2:10 Panel (Faith Perspectives on the Land)
- 2:15 – 3:15 Breakout Sessions
- (#1) History of the Occupation: From 1948 to the Present
  - (#2) Gaza
  - (#3) No Way to Treat a Child
- 3:15 – 3:30 Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 Action Plans and Keynoters  
Closing Remarks

For Sale at Conference:  
Books, Palestinian Olive Oil, art work.  
**Cash and Checks only.**

## Rev. Naim Ateek



Rev. Ateek is a Palestinian priest in the Anglican Church and an Arab citizen of Israel. He is the founder and director of Sabeel, an ecumenical theology center in Jerusalem. He lectures widely and is the author of several books, including *Justice and Only Justice: A Palestinian Theology of Liberation* and *A Palestinian Christian Cry for Reconciliation*.

## Phyllis Bennis



Phyllis is a fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies and is a writer, activist and analyst on Middle East and UN issues. She works with many anti-war organizations and writes and speaks widely in the US and around the world as part of the global peace movement. She has written and edited eleven books and has served as an informal advisor to several top UN officials on Middle East issues.

### Other Speakers:

Yaser Abudagga  
Rev. Chris Cowan  
Ahmed Elkhaldy  
Dr. Maria Filippone  
Katie Huerter  
Elizabeth Leas  
Kathleen McQuillen  
Pat Minor

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Registration Fee: \$40.00  
(Includes lunch and materials)  
(Student Rate \$20)  
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**No refunds after September 15.**

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Preference for Breakout Session - # \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch catered by Open Sesame Restaurant  
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