The Intersectionality of Justice and Peace in Palestine/Israel: Uncovering and Reporting the Truths

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The Kairos Puget Sound Coalition (KPSC) Board members worked tirelessly in planning and organizing the conference.

We are particularly grateful to the speakers who travelled great distances through many challenges. They prepared carefully for their presentations and brought new direction and a variety of ideas for participants to work on. They thought carefully about what they would share with us based on their background and experience in advocating for justice and peace in Palestine/Israel. The speakers included:

- Jonathan Kuttab, Civil Rights lawyer and social activist
- Julia Pitner, Executive Director, Institute for Palestine Studies
- Dr. Salim Munayer, Executive Director of Musalaha
- Dr. Yasser abu Jamei, Director General, Gaza Community Mental Health Programme
- Alison Weir, Founder of If Americans Knew
We thank the volunteers who helped in many ways to accomplish the details associated with implementing the conference including Rita Zawaideh for arranging the lovely lunch.

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**Introduction: Purpose and Background**

In the Spring of 2018, Jim Kutz reached out to Alison Weir to visit and meet with different groups in the Pacific Northwest. The purpose of this invitation was to learn why and what we do not know about the Palestine/Israel conflict. Following those initial discussions, we then reached out at the suggestion of Julia Pitner to invite Jonathan Kuttab to speak about the recently passed new Nation State Law of Israel. We were concerned that little media attention or discussion had occurred in this country about this new legislation. Julia Pitner was invited to be on the program as she has extensive experience with strengthening the capacity of journalists in the West Bank and Gaza to report the news. Then we were asked to include several visitors who were coming to Seattle to speak about their work in the West Bank and Gaza. These two speakers included Dr. Salim Munayer and Dr. Yasser Abu Jamei.

In summary, the purpose of the conference was to examine the intersectionality of justice and peace in Palestine/Israel and to uncover and report the various “truths”.

**Highlights from each Speaker**

In general, all speakers confirmed and agreed that the media is not reporting the news of what is happening in Palestine and Israel.

**Jonathan Kuttab:**

He explained why the two state solution is now dead and also why the discussion about it - because the United Nations sanctions it. He elaborated that Israel undermined the 2-state solution by building roads, settlements, and developing a separate government system for settlers. Today, this is irreversible. There is only one state, one way of looking at things. Jews have all the resources and rights. Israel is an apartheid regime. He says that it is time for a paradigm shift. There is a need to rethink Palestinian nationalism and Jewish Zionism.

He identified the following five Palestinian groups:

- Palestinians who hold citizenship can vote, but are not part of power circles.
- Palestinian residents of Israel but are not Israeli citizens.
- “Westbankers” are under the Palestinian Authority – (considered “the Palestinian Problem”).
- People in Gaza (Hamas). Hamas is completely separate and not part of the peace process. Lives and resources in Gaza are completely controlled by Israel.
- Palestinians living outside the borders of Israel.
He asks what it would be like for Palestinians to have justice – to live under a state of justice for Palestinians. He asks what does Palestinian nationality look like? He raises the question about control of the narrative including the fiction of the two-state solution. He encourages everyone to have hope, to think “out of the box” and not to be passive and to be willing to challenge the status quo. He urges everyone to act on shared principles – that we are a community; to reject violence and to believe in equal rights for all. He suggested, saying “OK, you guys (the Israelis) win. Now what do you do?” Israel is fighting a losing battle. As Martin Luther King said: “the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice”. The Israeli system can collapse at any time. *It will fall.*

Kuttab said that it was a myth that there was long standing enmity between Jews and Arabs – that the two groups had lived together as equals for a long time.

So what do you do now? In essence, Kuttab raises the challenge to every constituency to figure out how to accommodate the Palestinians within the state of Israel. He says that we need to be aware of what it means to be an activist in the digital age and to make use of “live streaming” and Facebook. (See Appendix 1: Live streaming and Social Media Enhancements).

**Dr. Salim Munayer, Executive Director of Musalaha Ministry of Reconciliation:**

The notions of “nation-state” and “nationalism” are being explored. These concepts are different from the 2-state solution. Musalaha, Munayer’s organization, promotes and facilitates reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds. The conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians is one *that is so severe in nature that it seems impossible to resolve and can result in violence.* This must be understood. [https://www.beyondintractability.org/essay/characteristics](https://www.beyondintractability.org/essay/characteristics)

**Implications:**

- 1st level diplomacy (negotiations between persons in power) doesn’t work. Grassroot movements bring about change. Diplomacy at the top leaves out the community/people involved and impacted. Political advocacy is important, but needs ‘soldiers’ on the ground (2nd and 3rd levels of diplomacy). Women are important change makers.
- How to address imbalance of power? Israel has one of strongest armies in the world. Israel uses divide and rule. The powerful will not let go without a struggle.
- Develop relationship of trust. One can't have justice without engagement with the “other”. Israel has a tribal, ethnic, and religious model of group identity.
Israel will NEVER accept a one-state solution (the Israelis would be overwhelmed in elections by the Palestinians). Why should they risk a peace treaty?

Munayer is excited for the future. He has to gone to the desert to talk with the Bedouin, with people under 40 years old of age, women, the Jewish community, and others. Munayer says that it is important that peace groups work with each other and share resources.

Levels of peace for change:

- Must listen to each other and look at the narrative that is not truthful. Be critical.
- Build joint narrative for the future; respect individual identities and heritage.
- Leave “victim” narrative.
- Have compassion.
- Practice forgiveness.

**Conclusion:** Munayer suggests the Swiss Model of the Federation State for the Israelis to consider responding to implement a one–state solution.

**Q&A for Jonathan Kuttab and Salim Munayer**

- Need to have full equal rights, institutional guarantees and protections.
- Balance of power has to be addressed in all talks.

**Julia Pitner- Executive Director of Institute for Palestine Studies**

“Permission to Narrate & the Revolutionary Act of Truth Telling”

Pitner began her presentation by saying “it is difficult for Palestinians to speak about their own narrative and history. The focus is always on Israel.” She cited that one part of her presentation “Permission to Narrate” comes from an article published in *The Journal of Palestine Studies*. Pitner defined several concepts: Judaism is a religion, not a state. Zionism is about racism. Israel is a nation-state. The indigenous people are Arabs (Palestinians).

Refugee status is being called to question. How do we deal with refugees? She challenges the narrative of Israel that we aren’t responsible for what we do. Look at the truth-telling. We need to cover news that is important to the Palestinian people. They have the right to tell their own narrative. Sometimes the facts don’t speak for themselves. Our media doesn’t cover Palestinian news except for the conflicts. Palestinians are nameless in the news, unlike Israelis. The Institute for Palestine Studies started in the late 2000s to work with social media and journalists to get the word out. Israel doesn’t recognize Palestinian journalists (many have been killed).
Experiential truth-telling: Israel destroys journalists’ quarters, their equipment, and their publishing places of work. Stories are heavily censored. Palestinians are not allowed to own TV and radio stations in East Jerusalem. At first, posts were allowed on social media, but Facebook and Twitter have been co-opted by Israel. Three hundred Palestinian media outlets were shut down this year. There is no PayPal for Palestinians. Israel can say what they want including making death threats. The narrative is that all Palestinians are “terrorists”.

Pitner argues that Israel’s narrative is to erase Palestinian voices or the idea of Palestine. Israel changes facts to come up with their version of the truth, but this won’t work in the long run. Pitner urges us to push back with our own government. We have our own history with indigenous peoples.

In the US, Israel lobbyists are attempting to shut down all work in support of Palestinians. Anti-semitism has been redefined and is being legislated. Student organizations who work/advocate for justice about Palestine are frequently being shut down. Palestinians have the right to speak. It’s important to be vigilant and let Congresspersons know that what is happening is not right. We need fundamental fairness, justice and a free press. We must figure out ways to talk about it and include others. Some believe only Jews in Israel have the right to decide their fate. We in the United States have similar historical facts in relation to the Palestinian narrative.

International law doesn’t represent the whole world equally. The “right of return” includes reparations for Palestinians who choose not to return. Palestinians do not control their own borders. This is not acceptable. Palestinians are being eliminated from embassy staff and government agencies.

Pitner urges taking the following actions to “push back”:

- Let Facebook and Twitter know it’s not OK to suppress news highlighting the Palestinian perspective.
- Call on scholars to write and speak on these issues.
- Take advantage of opportunities opening up to emphasize the Palestinian narrative.
- Protect first amendment rights, and the right of the Palestinians to have rights.
- Work to ensure that Palestinians are included where decisions are being made.

**Background about the Institute of Palestine Studies:** It was formed in 1963 to protect the historical and cultural heritage of Palestinians and to maintain the Palestinian narrative. It looks for opportunities to promote the new paradigm. The youth movement in the United States is opening space to talk about Palestinians. Palestinian lives matter too. It’s not acceptable for Israel to train our police for what they do in Palestine.

In the website about Palestine Journeys, there is an interactive timeline and stories by which one can discover unknown material about Palestinian history, culture, and society. In Palestine Square, one can find recent articles about Palestine and Israel. For example, in Palestine Studies, the contents include the Palestine Journal, the blog published by the Palestine Square, and resources that link to projects being conducted by the Institute for Palestine Studies.

Q&A following discussion with Julia Pitner

- Israel is going after NGOs to prohibit donations (Paypal) by calling Palestinians terrorists. They are working to shut down whole organizations. How do we have a dialogue now?
- Not all people living in Gaza are a part of Hamas. Israel is calling people terrorists who are not terrorists.
- Financial systems are controlled by Israel. Getting money in and out of Gaza is almost impossible. It takes many steps to wire money.
- The economy of Gaza is collapsing.
- The term anti-semitic has been co-opted.

Dr. Yasser Abu Jamei, Director General of the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme (GCMHP) “Psychological health in Gaza in 2018”

“Founded in 1990 by Dr. Eyad el-Sarraj, “GCMHP provides crisis intervention and rehabilitation services to families in Gaza who have been traumatized by years of military occupation, bombing campaigns, blockade, and siege. This painful history coupled with extreme, siege-induced unemployment rates makes the work of the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme unique and timely in the world of global mental health.” Reference to link for further information about this organization: https://rachelcorriefoundation.org/event/lunch-with-dr-yasser-abu-jamei-mental-health-in-gaza-under-siege

Dr. Abu Jamei talked about manifestations of trauma, methods of treatment, and how mental health professionals care for themselves and each other in an environment with little break from sustained attack. Ultimately, his is a message of hope for the power of resilience, recovery, and perseverance in Gaza.
The interview with Dr. Yasser can be found in the latest issue (Volume 45, No. 2, Winter, 2016) and online: [http://www.palestine-studies.org/jps/fulltext/198487](http://www.palestine-studies.org/jps/fulltext/198487).

His organization serves children, women, and families with counseling and mental health services. In times of escalations, there is no safe place in Gaza – Gaza is a large community in a small geographic area. What is in the minds of children growing up? There is little work with 65% unemployment among the youth. He says “It doesn’t matter what you want or what you do. College degrees have little value”.

People who are referred to receive treatment outside Gaza have difficulties exiting the strip to West Bank or Israel through Erez and sometimes their companions are not allowed to accompany them. This touches people’s right to health and to access health. This situation must stop. Israel controls the people, borders, sea, and land. Due to the poverty, People can’t afford to buy what is needed. Parents can’t support their children.

Where can you find hope? Lack of hope is worsened by:

- The move of the embassy to Jerusalem.
- Violent response to the Peaceful protest/social movement that result in deaths.
- US cut of funds reduces counseling for children in schools. With crisis after crisis, the situation is worsened. Children experience trauma and nightmares that may lead to violence. Stop the bombs. Stop the control.
- Palestinians ask, “Do we really exist?” The people feel forgotten. They just want change, dignity, and control over their lives.

The Gaza Mental Health Foundation (USA) helps to support the work of the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme (gcmhp.net) that is directed by Dr. Yasser.

**About The Gaza Community Mental Health Programme (GCMHP)**

The Gaza Community Mental Health Programme (GCMHP), established in 1990, is one of the leading organizations in Palestine in the field of specialized community mental health and psychosocial services. It works with and for a wide range of beneficiaries including: children, adolescents, women, families and victims of human rights violation. It contributes to enhancing the effectiveness of staff of community institutions and governmental organizations in the Gaza Strip in providing and dealing with mental health and psychosocial issues based on its unique position in the Gazan context that is both acknowledged and respected as a reference and a benchmark. GCMHP believes in the correlation between Mental Health and Human Rights. GCMHP is considered an active actor in the Palestinian Civil society.

**The GCHMP provides the following services:**

- Community mental health, psychosocial and rehabilitation services: This includes consultancy, free telephone counseling, psychotherapy for individuals, families and groups, possibly with medication, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, home and field
visits, follow-up treatment and community integration and integration of mental health services in other services (consulting for schools, kindergartens, prisons and primary health care clinics).

- Capacity building and training: This includes building capacities of professionals and actors shaping the mental health system in the Gaza Strip (individuals, NGOs, primary healthcare units, ministries and UNRWA) through training, supervision and the provision of a post graduate diploma in community health.

- Awareness-raising and education of the community: This includes public meetings, workshops, publications (such as magazines and brochures), TV and Radio programs.

- Scientific research: This includes assessments, surveys, evidence based research, impact evaluations, adaptation and standardizations of imported protocols and already used ones in both mental health and psychosocial support intervention and feasibility studies.

- Networking, advocacy lobbying and mobilization: GCMHP employs its wide range of memberships and affiliations with local and international institutions such as various working groups, clusters, etc.

Brief History about GCMHP
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3y1wAnURGU

GCMHP Annual Report 2017
http://www.gcmhp.com/en/page.aspx?id=354  (English)


Alison Weir, Director of If Americans Knew

“The Intersectionality of Justice and Peace I Palestine/Israel. What we don’t know and why don’t we know.”

Weir asserts that it is essential that we all hear the facts of what is happening in Palestine/Israel. No one is beyond redemption. Most Americans don’t know what’s happening in Palestine. George Orwell, writer, stated that he who controls the past controls the future.

Anti-semitism followed where Jews moved. Political Zionism led to violence today. It originated in Europe and quickly took hold in the USA. Theodor Herzl has been called

Weir asserts that the US props up Israel and helps to fund the current system. Zionism’s only hope is the Jews of America. By 1910, Zionism was already a strong movement in the US. In 1912, Louis Brandeis, later on the Supreme Court, was head of World Zionism. Unofficially, he continued to lead the movement after appointment to the Supreme Court.

For more information, Allison recommends the book *Israel in the Mind of America* by Peter Grose. The Parushim [secret Zionist organization started in 1913] is a secret episode in American Zionist History. The Parushim lobbied for a separate state in Palestine.  
https://ifamericaknew.org/history/parushim.html

In WWI, there was a gentlemen’s agreement with Britain to get the United States into the war in exchange for support for the Zionist movement. After WWI the British Balfour Declaration of 1917 was declared. Later the Paris Peace Conference pushed for an agreement using the Balfour language.

AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) was created in 1939. The American Zionist Emergency Council (AZEC) had half a million dollars to push for a Jewish State. Zionists were instrumental in stopping FDR’s WWII Jewish Refugee program. The Partition Plan created a movement of ethnic cleansing whereby 750,000+ Palestinians were forced off their land with numerous massacres.

Opposition to Zionism did exist in the US. See: *Palestine is our Business*, a book by Millar Burrows. Opposition was not successful because of the success of Zionism. Today there is a bill in congress to fund Israel for $38 billion over 10 years.

**Why don’t we know?**

The omissions of the news media. The news is always about Palestinian rockets and that the calm is always shattered by Palestinians. We don’t hear about deaths of Palestinian children unlike what we hear about Israeli children. We are destroying Palestine with US money.

There is an Israeli Strategic Plan to fragment the Middle East and to maintain military dominance. They plan to partition, eliminate, clean-up, and destabilize other Middle Eastern countries to insure Israeli superiority (particularly Syria, Iraq, and Iran). The invasion and subsequent destruction of Iraq led to ISIS. Israeli’s plan is to destroy other countries. Anti-Iran movement is now growing.
Panel: Jonathan Kuttab, Julia Pitner, and Alison Weir

Weir maintains that we are being told “facts” about the past that are not factual. How do we communicate to the mainstream without scaring them? Weir says that you must be careful and accurate. You must distinguish between Zionists and others. Antisemitism is not all bad, but people who are anti-semitic, may also be anti-Black and LBGTQ. Racism is often manifested in under-privileged populations.

Why don’t we have “think tanks” for the future, a different future? Kuttab encourages human rights and universalism. All human beings deserve their identity, respect, and dignity.

Weir says we need to change US policies. She is hopeful with young people and younger congresspersons. Communities need to be able to develop and thrive. Deemphasize the level of security and build alliances with things that can be agreed on – i.e. children.

Kuttab: Palestinian leadership feels they should follow the Oslo Pan, even though Israel doesn’t. Palestinians don’t have the power to develop jobs and create money supplies. It’s time to move away from the Oslo agreement and go back to the PLO concept representing all Palestinians. In order to make structural change requires a new vision. NGOs need more grassroots support. Daily living is so difficult.

Recommendations and Next Steps

- Develop questions with notes for discussion by members of the KPSC.
- Develop capacity to record and use FB for live streaming of events and conferences in the future.
- Reach out to Israeli Jews in Seattle to discuss opinions/views that they have about the State of Israel in relation to Palestine.

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The Intersectionality of Justice and Peace in Palestine/Israel: Uncovering and Reporting the Truths

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9:00 Registration and coffee

9:15 Welcome & Prayer: Huda Giddens

9:25 Overview of conference, purpose, & program Mary Segall

9:30 One State in light of the recently passed Israel Nation-State bill: A Reality: What does that look like” Jonathan Kuttab, Civil Rights lawyer

10:30 Respondent with Q&A: Dr. Salim Munayer, Musalaha

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee/tea break

11:00 Permission to Narrate & The Revolutionary Act of Truth Telling Julia Pitner, Institute for Palestine Studies

12:15 Lunch and Luncheon Speaker: Gaza Report: Challenges in Reporting what is known and what is not reported. Dr. Yasser Abu Jamei, Director General of the Gaza Mental Health Programme

1:30 “The Intersectionality of Justice and Peace in Palestine/Israel. What we don’t know and why don’t we Know” Alison Weir, Founder of If Americans Knew
2:30  Panel: Response/Discussion  J.Kuttab, J. Pitner, A. Weir,

3:30  Next Steps, Evaluation, and Closing

Appendix 2. List of materials in Packet and Other Resources:
Appendix 3. Biographies of Speakers

Jonathan Kuttab is a leading human rights lawyer in Israel and Palestine and peace activist. A board member of Sabeel, he is also a co-founder of the human rights organizations Al Haq (lawyers and others who assist with human rights issues) and the Mandela Institute for Political Prisoners, a Palestinian human rights organization focusing its efforts on the plight of political prisoners.

He was born in West Jerusalem, and raised there and in Bethlehem. After the Six Day War, his family moved to the United States, where he graduated from Messiah College and earned his law degree from the University of Virginia. After practicing with a Wall Street law firm for several years, in 1980 he returned home to co-found the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence, Al-Haq. He is licensed to practice law in Palestine, Israel, and New York, and serves on the board of The Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem.

Dr. Salim Munayer is Executive Director of Musalaha Ministry of Reconciliation, an organization he founded in 1990. For more than 25 years, Musalaha has been bringing Israelis and Palestinians together, facilitating reconciliation. A Palestinian–Israeli born in Lod as one of six children, Salim received his B.A. from Tel Aviv University in History and Geography. After his graduation, Salim continued his graduate studies in New Testament studies at Pepperdine University. Salim then earned a M.A. at Fuller Theological Seminary and Ph.D. from the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies in the United Kingdom where his doctoral dissertation was entitled “The Ethnic Identity of Palestinian Arab Christian Adolescents in Israel.” Salim has authored several books on Reconciliation, the Israeli–Palestinian Conflict, Christians in Israel, and Christians under the Palestinian Authority. Salim’s most recent work is Through My Enemy’s Eyes, Envisioning Reconciliation in Israel–Palestine, co–authored with Lisa Loden. Salim served as academic dean of Bethlehem Bible College from 1989 to 2008, and continues there as professor. Salim is married to Kay and has four sons, Jack, Daniel, John and Sam.

Musalaha – Using the Arabic word for “reconciliation” as their name, this nonprofit organization founded in 1990 seeks to bring Israelis and Palestinians together to dialogue and move toward healing. They use the biblical principles of reconciliation and offer programs focusing on women, youth, and young adults.

Julia Pitner is the Executive Director of Institute for Palestine Studies (IPS). Julia is a Middle East specialist and journalist having actively worked on various issues involving different sectors of Middle Eastern society. Before joining the Institute for Palestine Studies, she has served as the Country Director for Internews West Bank & Gaza on
their Media Project working with local independent broadcast media, universities, and media institutes in the West Bank and Gaza for 8 years before becoming Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa.

Julia has over 23 years’ experience working directly with individuals and organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, in the Middle East and with the international community involved in civil society, private business, media, and security. For the last 12 years, she has lived in the region developing, managing, and coordinating various projects related to aspects of civil society and media in Palestine, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Iran, Morocco, Tunisia, and Turkey. Julia has written and published several articles on civil society, human rights, development, and media in the Middle East as well as the role of women in peace-building.

The Institute for Palestine Studies is an apolitical nonprofit organization that has been researching, documenting, and analyzing Palestine and the Mid-East conflict since 1963. They publish the Journal of Palestinian Studies & Jerusalem Quarterly, maintain a database of relevant U.S. legislation, and provide access to important information through an extensive online video collection.

Dr. Yasser Abu Jamei is a psychiatrist and has been with the Gaza Community Mental Health Programs since 2004, playing different supervisory, clinical and research roles. He assumed the leadership of this institution in 2014 and continues to serve as the General Director overseeing the general operations of the program in providing a world class mental health care with the limited resources available.

The Gaza Mental Health Foundation is a U.S. based all-volunteer nonprofit organization that raises funds and provides training in support of mental health groups in Gaza. The main body they support is the Gaza Community Health Program; other funds go to programs for children in refugee camps as well as women’s empowerment.

Alison Weir is the executive director of If Americans Knew, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to informing Americans about Israel-Palestine, the American connection, and media coverage of the issue. She founded If Americans Knew following an independent trip as a freelance journalist throughout Gaza and the West Bank in early 2001. Since then she has visited the region many more times and written and spoken widely on the issue, including lectures at Harvard, Stanford, Berkeley, MIT, Yale, Purdue, Northwestern, the Naval Postgraduate Institute, and numerous other campuses; and talks in Malaysia, England, Wales, China, Iran, Iraq and Qatar. She is the author of a bestselling book on the history of the Israel lobby in the U.S., Against Our Better Judgment, and has received diverse awards, including honorary member.
ship in Illinois College’s Phi Alpha Literary Society, that cited her as a “Courageous journalist-lecturer on behalf of human rights. She is the first woman to receive an honorary membership in Phi Alpha history.” She grew up in a military family, served in the Peace Corps in Afghanistan, and has three children and six grandchildren.

**If Americans Knew** – This organization researches and freely disseminates information, focusing on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Specifically, they seek to inform Americans about the support that their own government provides for the illegal occupation of Palestinian land.
Appendix 4. Live streaming and Social Media Enhancements by Jonathan Kuttab

You have gone to great effort and expense in preparing this event and inviting me to speak. However, there are a number of steps which cost very little, that will allow this event to have for greater outreach and impact several times more than the number of physical attendees reflects. The key is to use social media to increase several fold the number of people who will attend/hear / and be informed by this event, beyond the actual number of people who attend. These may include those who cannot attend, or for whom this time is inconvenient, or those whose level of commitment is less, as well as those across the country who may be interested in the topic.

The easiest way is to live stream the event. This can be done easily through your Facebook page (if you have one) or the Facebook of anyone from the organizing committee. (Other platforms are available also, and may include the ability to send in questions to the speaker). You only need a regular camera, (or even an I Phone) and a tripod, if you do not want to hold the camera. You can then broadcast simply by clicking on the “live” button on the Facebook page. A slightly more complex method is to record the speech and then place it on You Tube, or the webpage of your organization for future access after the day of the event.

More importantly is to broadcast and distribute widely the link to the live event so that that anyone can click on it to automatically join and see the event being streamed live on line. This link (to be included in any leaflet, or promotional materials you distribute) should be automatic, and not require anyone to go to a particular web page or site and then search for the right icon. It should be a “hyper link” that connects with one touch or click.

Secondly, as the event takes place, one person, at least must tweet interesting comments or quotes from the speaker \e.g. “Jonathan Kuttab says “Gaza is totally unlivable today, not in 2020” or “Apartheid now is a well-defined crime punishable by the International Criminal Court”. These tweets can then be re-tweeted by everyone who has a Twitter account to their followers. Those attending the talk/conference as well as those listening at home, can have the opportunity to spread the word, and share the experience, or portions of it, with their entire group of friends by simply clicking the “retweet “ button on their devices, either during the event, or soon thereafter. They can also add the entire talk to their Facebook page if given the opportunity. The hashtag, or URL address of the site giving out these tweets, should be put up on the screen behind the speaker throughout the talk.

In addition, journalists from the local radio, TV or newspaper should be invited to attend, and if they cannot come, they should be given the link to attend online or follow the
streamed event. Many journalists will not attend in person, but will tune in to listen, learn, and perhaps get a few quotes for their media.

Perhaps one or more young persons should be recruited in advance to oversee the “social media” aspects and ensure the broadest outreach. Such a person is as essential as all the others who work so hard to prepare the tables, refreshments, and other logistics making the event a success.

Needless to say, every effort should be made to reach the “not yet converted”. Personal invitations should go to Hispanics, African Americans, evangelicals, Jewish and Moslem groups, as well as students. Professors could be invited to encourage their students to attend as part of their course assignments, where appropriate. Again, the availability of live streaming (or recorded video sessions on You Tube) will make such invitations and suggestions realistic possibilities, when actual attendance may be difficult.
Appendix 5. Summary of Conference Evaluation Responses

1. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CONFERENCE?
   ● Mike McCormick
   ● Seattle Mennonite Church
   ● John Berg and Huda Giddens
   ● University Unitarian Church
   ● Mary Segall (3)
   ● Emails from Amin Odeh & Palestinian solidarity activists
   ● Through a friend
   ● Linda Fredericks
   ● Emails from Huda Giddens (4)
   ● KPSC membership emails, esp. from Huda Guddens, John Berg, Karen Noar
   ● Email from IAK
   ● Our Lady of the Lake (Peace and Justice group)
   ● Ed Crouch
   ● Our Lady of the Lake (bulletin)

2. WHAT 3 THINGS DID YOU LEARN BY ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE?
   ● History, actions, evidence
   ● Strong reasons for hope: confirmation that 2 state solution is dead/new array of research available (publications, websites, films, etc.)
   ● Hope – “the arc of the universe”, impact on Gaza with childhood trauma.
   ● Much we don’t know and falsehoods/lack of media covering whole story
   ● Human rights universal – apply everywhere
   ● Hope – A.W. Is divisive (so not needed – facts or no facts – we can recognize the truth (painful as it may be) and not promote a lack of respect..History of U.S. involvement in Israel – hope in equality of indigenous people.
   ● Political Zionist involvement vs Jewish
   ● Origins of the Balfour Declaration/suppression of Palestinian media and actions of FB and Google
   ● That the one state is definitely the only way forward.
   ● The 2-state solution not likely a real one/longstanding involvement of key Americans in political Zionism, even as other key leaders were opposed to this movement/importance of being clear that focus is on justice for Pall and not being anti-Israel.
   ● The 2-state solution is a hoax – finished. A paradigm shift is required. Ethnic cleansing - conspiracy
   ● Persecution of FB, Google, Twitter, sites for Palestine/strong Zionist lobby...whoa!! how bad things are in Gaza.
   ● History of Zionism in detail/connections among suppressed/ persecuted people globally/vision of consensual multiethnic nations for the future.
   ● Paradigm switch to one-state solution/many ways Israel controls all aspects of Palestinian
life/ask media for better coverage. Good reasons for hope (Jon. K & Julia P)/ Israeli tactics in erasing FB pages, Google, etc. re: Palestinians/ roots of creation on Israel.

- Two-state solution is dead/there is hope/nation state law will work to advantage of the Palestinians.
- The power of organization/evangelical right support Zionists/power pull of media in misleading Americans.
- Israel's new nation state rule/shut down of Palestinian news sources/ history of Zionism.

www.paljourneys.org website.

3. ACTIONS TO TAKE:

- Be active and strong
- Be more active (digital activity)/support KPSC and my church/follow Jonathan’s advice to be more intentional in utilizing digital activism
- Educate myself further/educate congregation/organize trip to Pal/Is
- Still learning and listening.
- Continue appraisal of information in the media/ have tolerance for Zionists not beyond redemption.
- Write to FaceBook and Google/work more with Senator Maria Cantwell.
- Continue work with UPC (Holy Land Task Force)
- Pray for Gaza and its children/help organize information in Sequim (meetings, groups, conferences)/pray for AW's protection.
- Help forge justice connections among all issues
- Letters to senators and congressmen/women.
- Read “Against Our Better Judgment”/spread the message of hope (Jonathan Kuttab)
- Continue to advocate for Palestinians.
- Keep working in calling for justice/talk to everyone I can.
- Keep working.
- Whatever – members of our churches need to be informed – both about current issues and theological/scriptural misinterpretation.

4. SATISFACTION WITH PRESENTERS:

- Very good.
- Excellent (can't do better that Johnathan Kuttab). Thank you for including Alison Weir.
- Appreciated all speakers- particularly Jonathan Kuttab, Salim Munayer, and Yasser Abu Jamei.
- Yes.
- Excellent! /sound quality of lunch speaker poor.
- Excellent!/hard to understand lunch speaker.
- Very good – all really worthwhile and informative.
- Power point presentations should be made available on video, email or web.
- Excellent lineup of speakers\
- Very satisfactory/great presentations/ could not understand Yasser Abu Jamei
- Very much so.
• Very satisfactory, though couldn't hear Yasser Abu Jamei
• Very good/couldn't hear Dr. Y./have issues with Alison Weir's tone and lack of content.
• Excellent
• Very much. 1st time to hear Alison Weir. Many past experiences with Jonathan Kuttab/sound system problematic and accent of luncheon speaker made it difficult to understand and hear sadly.

5. IN WHAT WAYS WERE THE PRESENTATIONS INSPIRING?

• Great information and passion.
• Personal experience of the presenters lends power to presentation.
• Captured the heart and mind/motivated us to be change-makers
• Thought Alison Weir extreme, not someone to put in room to negotiate
• Truth is compelling.
• Despite the history and conditions today, people(groups) are working for a just future for all, including Palestinians.
• Great research, want to pray with husband and 6 children about this topic
• Hope articulated by presenters (Jonathan K. and Jamei)
• Justice will prevail
• Personal dedication and length of time working on this.
• Panelists had moments of hope.
• Passion.
• Well delivered – speakers are full of experiential knowledge. Interesting sparing between Kuttab and Weir at the end of the conference during the panel.

6. SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PRESENTATIONS:

• 8 responded “Yes”; other comments: try to stay on schedule;
• Longer time for Alison Weir.
• More time for Jonathan Kuttab
• Hard to understand luncheon speaker
• One speaker was too quiet.

7. WERE HANDOUTS HELPFUL?

• 15 responded “Yes”
• Other comments: excellent – Didn't have time to look at them –tremendous content and resources.
• Would recommend including Kairos document – would be helpful background to newcomers about the role of the Christian church.
8. WAS THE CONFERENCE DAY AND TIME CONVENIENT?"

- 17 responded “Yes”.

9. FUTURE CONFERENCE LOCATIONS:

- Kenmore City Hall
- Lynnwood Trinity Lutheran
- St. Mark's Cathedral
- Stream next conference
- Same place – same – this location in good, but better closer to I-5 is also very helpful.

10. TOPIC SUGGESTIONS for FUTURE CONFERENCES:

- How to fruitfully speak with Christian Zionists/building bridges of deepening understanding of Palestinian narrative.
- People in Seattle working with Palestinians and Jews together.
- Keep putting on great events like this – coach speakers on good microphone technique.
- Have available letters to sign.
- This topic is fantastic.
- More on potential for war with Iran.
- How support for Israel adversely impacts the US
- Any topic.
- Have action items (petition, place to donate, etc.) to do.
- A little more return to look at the Kairos Palestine document itself.
- Is there any chance for denominational break-out sessions?