DOING JUSTICE: ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Presented by: The Bishop's Committee for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land, Diocese of Olympia

When: Saturday, November 13, 9 am – 4 pm

Where: St. Mark's Cathedral - Bloedel Hall
1245 10th Ave E. Seattle, WA 98102

Grounded in our belief that peace in Israel/Palestine cannot exist without justice for all – Israelis and Palestinians: Jews, Muslims, and Christians – this seminar will examine why and how we, as American citizens, must seek effective ways to end U.S. complicity in the dispossession and human rights violations of a people living under Israeli military and civil control. We will look at present living conditions for Palestinians in the occupied territories, as well as the legalization of an apartheid system of discriminatory laws that deny basic political rights, including peaceful protest. The current “facts on the ground,” costs of maintaining the status quo, its harm to immediate and long-term US, Palestinian and Israeli interests, and how each of us can make a difference will be addressed by:

- **Brian Baird, Ph.D.,** former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, will explore the role of Congress, the influence of special interests, faith-based organizations and the media, and examine the moral imperative for Palestinian advocacy.

- **Mark Braverman, Ph.D.,** Jewish American psychologist and author, co-founder of Friends of Tent of Nations North America and Executive Director of Kairos USA, will focus on antisemitism and the role of theology in the current discourse.

- **Cindy Corrie,** President of the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice, will offer practical information on how to advocate both locally and nationally and how to overcome common myths and misperceptions that stand in the way.

- **John McKay, J.D.,** former US attorney for Western WA, coordinator for a State Department rule of law project in the West Bank and professor of constitutional and national security law, will examine Palestinian life under occupation through the lens of Israeli, U.S. and international law.

- **Alice Rothchild, MD,** author, filmmaker and retired professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Harvard Medical School, will discuss the current critical medical crisis and obstacles to access of radiation treatment, cancer drugs and Covid vaccines in Gaza and the West Bank.

- **Lena Khalaf Tuffaha,** Palestinian American whose life and work crosses cultural, geographic and political borders, essayist, and author of *Water and Salt,* winner of the 2018 Washington State Book Award for Poetry, will share snapshots of the daily lives of Palestinian families.

In-person attendance (includes lunch): $20
Students: $10
Online attendance: $10

To register [CLICK HERE]

Attendees will be required to follow current King County and Diocese of Olympia guidelines for indoor gatherings; at this time those guidelines require attendees to provide proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID test and to wear a mask.

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