

Speaker Bios

Sir Jeffery M. Abood, KHS

Jeff has been awarded Knighthood, in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepuchre of Jerusalem. He has also received a certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for his leadership in working with the Palestinian Christian communities in the Holy Land. Jeff is the Ohio Regional Coordinator for Friends of Sabeel, the U.S. support organization for Sabeel (www.sabeel.org), an ecumenical theology center based in Jerusalem. He serves as Chair, of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation's International Speakers Bureau (www.hcef.org). He is also Co-Chair of the Council on Global Solidarity - Diocese of Cleveland, and advisory board member for the Interfaith Council for Peace in the Middle East based in Ohio.

Jim Bailey

Retired educator with long time interest in Israel/Palestine. Environmental and peacemaking activist. Facilitator in the national "Creating a Culture of Peace: nonviolence training for personal and social change" program. Participant in 2009 Interfaith Peace-Builders delegation to Israel/Palestine.

Barbara Harvey

Barbara Harvey has been a practicing lawyer for 35 years, specializing in representing rank-and-file union reform groups. Before establishing her own law practice, she served as a full-time faculty member at the Wayne State University Law School and as the Legal Director for the ACLU of Michigan. She continues to serve as a member of the board of the Association for Union Democracy.

She was raised in a conventional mainstream Jewish Zionist household and accepted its perspective uncritically until confronted by the gently persistent educational efforts of her dear Lebanese-American friend, Abdeen Jabara. Factfinding trips to the West Bank and Gaza in 1986 and 2008 shattered her assumptions about Israeli values by forcing her to confront the cruelty and humiliations of daily Palestinian life and the undermining of Jewish moral values by the unending occupation.

Following Israel's bombardment of Lebanon in 2006, she joined a group that formed a Detroit chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace and subsequently served as a member of the national JVP board of directors. She submitted the proposal that became JVP's current campaign to persuade TIAA-CREF to divest from the Occupation. She also works actively with a subcommittee of the National Lawyers Guild that advises the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement in the U.S.

Sayed Amjad Hussain

A 1962 graduate of Khyber Medical College, Peshawar, Pakistan, Dr. Amjad Hussain is an Emeritus Professor of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of Toledo where he also serves on the University's Board of Trustees.

He is also an explorer, photographer and writer. Since 1987 he has led four expeditions to explore and photograph the entire 2200 miles of Indus River in Tibet and Pakistan. His team was the 3rd group in history to reach the source of the River in Western Tibet in 1996. A documentary of Team Indus Expeditions (Indus River: Journey of a Life Time) was shown on PBS stations across the U.S. in April 2005.

For over 35 years he has returned annually to Pakistan to teach at his alma mater Khyber Medical College. In 1996 he endowed a visiting professorship between Khyber Medical College and the University of Toledo where basic science teachers from Khyber come to Toledo to learn methodology of research and teaching.

Dr. Hussain has been a columnist on the op-ed pages of the daily Toledo *Blade* since 1994 and also writes for a number of other newspapers in the U.S. and in Pakistan. He is the author of five Urdu and six English books including the recent publication of *Treading A Fine Line*, a collection of his selected op-ed pieces with readers' comments.

Last year the University of Toledo established an Endowed Professorship in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery in his name. The University has also created an annual visiting Lectureship in the History of Medicine and Surgery in his name.

John Quigley

Prof. Quigley is one of the principal scholars and practitioners on legal issues in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. He has traveled extensively in the region, most recently lecturing at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank. He is a frequent participant in United Nations programs aimed at achieving a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, including this past summer at a UN seminar in Rabat, Morocco, on Jerusalem, where he presented a paper on the legal status of Jerusalem. Prof. Quigley's books include *Palestine and Israel: A Challenge to Justice*; *Flight into the Maelstrom: Soviet Immigration to Israel and Middle East Peace*; *The Case for Palestine*; and most recently *The Statehood of Palestine*. Prof. Quigley has been actively involved in legal proceedings relating to the conflict. He is a consultant to lawyers representing Palestine in various fora. He has contributed to the International Criminal Court's effort to determine whether it has jurisdiction over war crimes that may have been committed during the Gaza hostilities of 2008-09.

Sr. Paulette Schroeder

Sr. Paulette writes from Hebron: "I have been so blessed to have worked with kids in the classroom both in the North and the Southern parts of the U.S. I have worked in inner city both as outreach worker and as a Pastoral worker in Indianapolis Inner City. My Franciscan Community has blessed me now with my serving as a Christian Peacemaker in Hebron, West Bank for the last two years. I have not only found God in new, and varied ways, but I have found a land of people who have won my heart and passion. I work with Israeli Peace Activists, but I live among the Palestinians who continue to welcome me into their family and into their history. Their history of oppression by a system that seeks to silence them, that works to rid them from their land, that makes any day difficult for them to live in a normal manner have all brought me to this day, wanting very much to share their story with you."