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Interfaith Peace-Builders Delegation  
Palestine and Israel  
December 7 - December 21, 2001

The Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), the largest and oldest interfaith nonviolence organization in the country, is organizing its next Interfaith Peace-Builders Delegation to Palestine and Israel for December 7 - December 21, 2001 to analyze United States foreign policy in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, to express solidarity with organizations on both sides working for a nonviolent end to the Israeli occupation, and upon return, to educate the U.S. public and seek to influence U.S. foreign policy.

Highlights of the December delegation:

- ÿ Travel in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza Strip of Palestine
- ÿ Meet with Israeli and Palestinian peace and justice and human rights activists and political leaders
- ÿ Experience the final week of Ramadan with Palestinian families
- ÿ Join a Hanukah celebration with Israeli Jewish families
- ÿ Participate in nonviolent direct action as the United States representatives in the International Solidarity Movement, comprising of delegations from Holland, Italy, England, France, and others starting on December 15; organized by the Palestinian Center for Rapprochement and Internationals in Palestine
- ÿ The option of remaining in the Holy Land after the end of the delegation to either celebrate the holidays or continue with the International Solidarity Movement, at your own expense

The cost of \$2,250 includes: airfare from New York; hotel and home stay accommodations, breakfasts and dinners, local transportation, and speaker/event fees

For more information and an application form contact:

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For your information: If you could please distribute this statement to your organization, it would be much appreciative. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Ben Rempell,  
Coordinator: Interfaith Peacebuilders Program  
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Interfaith Peacebuilders Delegation to Palestine and Israel

October 26 - November 9, 2001

Leader: Joseph Groves

The Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), the largest interfaith pacifist organization in the United States, is sponsoring regular delegations to Israel and to the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem of Palestine. The next Interfaith Peacebuilders delegation is scheduled for October 26 - November 9, 2001.

Why?

In the fall of 2000, in response to the ongoing Al Aksa Intifada (Uprising), escalating violence, and calls for international observers in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions and the Palestinian Committee for Rapprochement invited the FOR to send interfaith delegations to the region. Our purpose is examination of United States foreign policy in the region and the effects that it has on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict; and secondly, to stand in solidarity with those seeking to end the occupation and build a just peace.

As the United States mourns and begins to process the horrifying events of September 11, the hatred that is permeating throughout the world based along divides of ethnicity, religion and nationality only emphasizes the importance of the Interfaith Peacebuilders Delegations. The Interfaith Peacebuilders program assembles active citizenry from all faiths based on common values of peace and justice, an act that is now more vital than ever to demonstrate unity of purpose and compassion across religious

boundaries. In addition, the importance of sending American delegations to the Middle East in solidarity for peace and justice through nonviolent action has been increased exponentially during a time when hopes for revenge and war dominate the messages coming from America.

What?

Delegations learn about Israeli military occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem and the on going Palestinian uprising, examine the role of the US in the continuing occupation, live in Palestinian and Israeli homes, and observe the courageous and significant work of Israeli and Palestinian peace and human rights activists. Delegations will also have the opportunity to participate in such actions as rebuilding Palestinian homes demolished by occupation authorities, removing roadblocks isolating Palestinian towns, and marches and vigils for peace. Delegates are expected to participate in a two day orientation in Nyack, the FOR national headquarters near New York City.

Who?

Delegations are open to people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds, committed to nonviolence and active listening. Participants must be mature, physically healthy, emotionally stable, flexible, respectful and 20 years of age or older. Jews, Muslims, and Arabic or Hebrew speakers are especially encouraged to apply. Delegations have fifteen people, experienced co-leaders and accompanying representatives of sponsoring organizations from the region. Upon completion of the program, delegates must be committed to educating the American public on their experience through a variety of mediums.

How Much?

The approximate cost is \$1,975 from New York, including air fare, lodging, breakfasts and dinners. A deposit of \$500 is due with each application (including a \$25 nonrefundable processing fee). The full fee is due two weeks before departure.

How to Apply?

For detailed information and an application form, contact:

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