

“For the Peace of Jerusalem”: Churches for Middle East Peace May 6-8 Advocacy Conference

Sunday, May 6	
Location: National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle, NW	
3:00pm	Registration
6:30-9:00pm	Concert & Gathering, Worship Service and Reception (open to the public) "Christians Call for a Shared Jerusalem" Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, Armenian Orthodox Church The Most Reverend Denis Madden, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore The Right Reverend Frank Griswold, former Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church
Monday, May 7	
Location: National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle, NW	
9:00-10:40am	Plenary: Geneva Accord Negotiators Look at Jerusalem Daniel Levy and Ghaith al-Omari
10:45-11:45am	Workshop Speakers and Topics <i>The Vatican, US Catholics and sharing Jerusalem</i> - Fr. Drew Christiansen, SJ, America Magazine <i>US policy on Jerusalem</i> - Ambassador (ret.) Philip Wilcox, Foundation for Middle East Peace <i>Jewish perspectives on sharing Jerusalem</i> - Lara Friedman, Americans for Peace Now <i>Israeli-Palestinian conflict and potential for peacemaking</i> - Ann Staal, Reformed Church in America <i>Syria, Iran and Iraq</i> - Daryl Byler, Washington Office, Mennonite Central Committee; Jim Winkler, General Board of Church and Society, The United Methodist Church; Maureen Shea, Washington Office, The Episcopal Church
12:00-1:30pm	Luncheon A prominent US official will address prospects and challenges for Mideast peacemaking.
1:30-2:30pm	Plenary Honorable Lincoln D. Chafee, former US Senator from Rhode Island will assess the current situation and what's next for US policy, followed by commentaries from policy experts.
2:45-3:45pm	Workshop Speakers and Topics <i>Israeli and Palestinian opinion on sharing Jerusalem</i> - Jerome Segal, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland <i>What Jerusalem means to Palestinians</i> - Rafi Dajani, American Task Force on Palestine <i>Humanitarian situation of Palestinians</i> - Tom Garafalo, Catholic Relief Services <i>An in-depth look at Congressional initiatives</i> - Julie Schumacher Cohen, Churches for Middle East Peace and TBA <i>Engaging congregations in Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking</i> - Anna Rhee, Churches for Middle East Peace
4:00-5:00pm	Preparation for Lobby Day
5:30pm	Wine and Cheese Reception with invited guests
Evening	Church and denominational gathers - TBA
Tuesday, May 8 - Lobby Day	
Location: Lutheran Church of the Reformation (212 East Capitol Street) and Capitol Hill offices	

For more information and for conference updates, go to www.cmep.org.