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Hope for Palestine: Interactive Forum

Mark this date for things to do—March 23, 2024!

The Boundary Peace Initiative invites you to join us from 9 am to 4 pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on 7th Street, Grand Forks. We are hosting a conference to learn about Palestine and Israel from five knowledgeable people with lived-experience. Registration begins at 9 am and the conference at 9:30. Admission is by donation. There will be all day snacks and Borscht for lunch.

After the 2019 Peace In, Peace Out! 24-hour variety show, we promised that the funds raised would go towards hosting conferences on various aspects of the work we are mandated to do. Our mission statement includes the need for education and sharing of information. We have been fulfilling our promise.

Our 2020 plans fell through because of Covid, but in June 2023 we were fortunate to host Tamara Lorincz from London, Ontario and Graham Watt from Grand Forks to explore how Military Activities affect Climate Change. Then in September we hosted three immigrants living in the Kootenays for a successful learning experience about Iran, why they left and what the situation is at present. We also learned of their experiences in Canada as Muslims.

On Saturday, March 23rd, we have an impressive depth of experience and knowledge on the historical aspects of Palestine and the creation of Israel; their lived experiences in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel; and their experience in Canada. Coming to share their thoughts, understanding and knowledge is a Jewish/Quaker woman activist and author Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta who is a member of Independent Jewish Voices--Canada; a Jewish man Sid Sniad a labour, anti-racist, peace and social justice activist, founder of Stop War Vancouver and a member of the Independent Jewish Voices--Canada; Rahai Ghattas a Palestinian Christian from Vernon; Susan Ghattas a representative of the Canadian Boat to Gaza from Vernon; Adam Hamdan a Muslim Palestinian from Christina Lake.

Let's show our guests that the Boundary is willing to learn and add to our understanding, beyond media reports, on the past and current situation in Palestine/Israel. Let's welcome our guests with open hearts, minds and spirits. We will have the opportunity to ask questions, make comments and add to our knowledge base. We will ensure there is time to brainstorm as to what we can do locally to stop the killing, so that all children are able to grow to adulthood and live in harmony and peace at home and around the world.

Plan to join us March 23rd at 9 am at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Grand Forks, B.C.

In Universal Kinship and Loving Peace,
Laura Savinkoff
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