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1ST AMERICA-PALESTINE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Friday, October 28, 2011
National Presbyterian Church
4101 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

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CONFERENCE CHAIR: *SALIBA SARSAR, PHD,*

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Mission: The America-Palestine Youth Conference unites and inspires Palestinian diaspora youth and adults to connect with their origins, and their heritage, and to support their nation as *one people*, regardless of background, geographic location, religion, or political affiliation.

Goals:

- Promote and reinforce Palestinian heritage among Palestinians in the Diaspora
- Develop a Palestinian Youth Network
- Establish a "Know Thy Heritage" (KTH) alumni club and build the KTH program
- Recruit applicants for the KTH 2012 Delegation
- Build internships, employment opportunities, and study programs in Palestine
- Initiate a peaceful, inclusive, and powerful transformative activism that represents all Palestinians and teaches them to become Ambassadors of peace.
- Establish committees for Palestinians in the Diaspora nationwide and worldwide to develop and support the Palestinian people
- Determine how to create the future Palestinian state by unanimously fulfilling target needs, as well as freedom, democracy, human rights, and the dignity of each human person.
- Present the current situation and information on society, politics, and business in Palestine

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:00-9:00a.m.:Registration

9:00-9:15a.m.: **Welcome and Introduction to KTH and Conference**

9:15-10:00a.m.: **Current situation in Palestine**

The emphasis will be on the major issues of the Israeli occupation, Jewish settlements, and the wall, and how Palestinians are struggling for freedom and independence.

10:00-11:00a.m.: **Panel Discussion on “Leadership and the Courage to be Involved in Palestine and a Just Peace”**

This panel discussion will focus on the kind of leadership that arises from within the human spirit, especially under severe conditions. It will address how youth leaders can build a movement for positive social change for Palestine in the United States and elsewhere around the world.

11:00-11:15a.m.: **Break**

11:15-11:30a.m.: **Video on “Visit & Live Palestine” KTH delegation to Palestine 2011**

11:30- 12:30p.m. **“Telling their story”: The Inaugural KTH Homeward Journey to Palestine**

KTH Alumni will present on various aspects of their experience and what they learned in Palestine this summer. They will discuss the impact of the KTH journey.

12:30-1:15p.m. **Lunch**

1:15-1:45p.m. **Keynote Speaker**

1:45-3:00pm **Three Concurrent Breakout Sessions: “Organizing for Positive Change and Community Building in and for Palestine.”**

Session 1: Internship, Volunteer & Job Opportunities in Palestine

Session 2: Developing a Palestinian Youth Network & Mobilizing American Communities in Support of Palestine and a Just Peace

Session 3: Recruitment of Applicants for the Know Thy Heritage (KTH) 2012 Delegation & Formation of a KTH Alumni Club

3:00-4:00p.m.

Group Reports and Steps Forward

Participants in the breakout sessions will report on their deliberations and present concrete ideas or resolutions for actualizing the KTH mission and goals.

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