

What Can We Do to Help Save Gaza?

Build a positive vision for the future

Learn about creative, constructive alternatives to the stalemate currently in play regarding Israel and Gaza. Support non-violent self-determination for both Palestinians and Israelis, based on international humanitarian and human rights law. *All* are created equal with unalienable rights. Peaceful coexistence based on those rights must be attained, allowing freedom for all to pursue their lives, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Apply pressure

- Sign the petition presented by the AFSC to end the blockade of Gaza.
- Support boycott, divestiture and sanction efforts - www.bdsmovement.net

Network with others through these local events

Detaining Dreams Screening in Des Moines Monday, September 19, 2016 - 6:00pm
This film will be shown Monday, Sept. 19, at 7:00 PM, at Sussman Theater (Olmsted Center), on the Drake Campus, in Des Moines. *Detaining Dreams* is a documentary film chronicling “the stories of four Palestinian youth arrested by Israeli forces in the Palestinian West Bank, and prosecuted in the Israeli military detention system. From the moment of arrest Palestinian face ill treatment and torture at the hands of Israeli military.”

Celebration of International Peace Day Wednesday, September 21, 2016 - 5:30pm
The Rev. Ryan Arnold will be the keynote speaker. The Diversity Chorus will present a couple of numbers on the theme of peace. We will raise our prayers, and strengthen our resolve to end war, and insist that “War is not the answer.” **Wednesday, September 21, 2016...Service at 6:30 PM.** Where: Peace Garden in Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut Street

Educate yourself about Israel-Palestine

- Review materials provided by Maria Filippone on www.starpac.org/news-blog
- Check out www.endtheoccupation.org and www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org

Educate others

- Urge candidates and elected officials to press for Israel/Palestine peace initiatives – human, civil and political rights for Palestinians in Gaza and Israeli Occupied Territory
- Speak with friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors about these issues
- Arrange for speakers in your own groups (church, civic organizations, etc.). Make use of the AFSC speakers’ bureau information

Engage with one of these supporting organizations

- AFSC’s Middle East Peace Program – Kathleen McQuillen: kmcquillen@afsc.org;
- Catholic Peace Ministries -- Erika McCroskrey: catholicpeaceministry@gmail.com
- Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace -- Bob Brammer: robert.brammer@gmail.com
- Jewish Voice for Peace – Isaac Christiansen: isaacchristiansen323@gmail.com
- Methodist Federation for Social Action -- Eloise Cranke: ecranke@mchsi.com
- Physicians for Social Responsibility -- Maureen McCue: mickiq@earthlink.net
- STAR*PAC – Tom Leffler: contact@starpac.org
- Women's Int'l. League for Peace and Freedom -- Jan Corderman: jancorderman@msn.com