

Will there be peace in Jerusalem?:

A hard look at the facts on the ground

Invitation to hear a report by Dr. Peter Larson on a visit made to Jerusalem and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

When: Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 7.30-9.30 p.m.

Where: Centretown United Church, 507 Bank Street, Ottawa

"In November 2009, I took my first trip to Palestine and Israel. My objective was to take a hard look at the situation, with a particular focus on the Jerusalem and the occupied Territories.

My trip was organized by an Israeli peace organization. We spent 10 days in Jerusalem and also travelled all over the West Bank. We met with 29 Israeli and Palestinian NGOs, hospital and school directors, student groups, university administrators and political organizations including the Negotiations Unit of the PLO.

I returned to Jerusalem on my own last November to meet some more people, including some Christian organizations, and Israeli Civil Rights groups.

In many ways, Jerusalem is at the heart of the conflict between Israeli Jews and Palestinians. I have prepared a slide show on my trip which outlines, calmly and clearly, the main issues of contention.

Whether you are sympathetic to the Palestinians or worried about the security of the Israelis, (or even if you think it's an age-old ethnic conflict in which we can't choose sides), I think you will find this presentation interesting and informative."

Peter Larson

**RSVP please ASAP as our space is limited
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