

# ***Social Justice Subject: Kairos Palestine Series,***

**January 15 – March 4, 2012 – CENTENNIAL HALL**

***Jan 15: Israel/Palestine Conflict, Part One. Overview of the history of the Conflict.*** Beginning with Theodore Herzl in the late 1800's and ending with the current political situation, this will be a speedy review led by Pauline Coffman of the Adult Education Committee.

***Jan. 22: Israel/Palestine Conflict, Part Two: Introduction to Kairos Palestine. Ms. Niveen Sarras,*** doctoral candidate in Old Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology (LSTC). Niveen is a Palestinian Christian. Prior to coming to Chicago for study, she was Director of Christian Education at Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. Pauline Coffman. She will address "A Word of Faith, Hope, and Love."

[Jan 29: Congregational Meeting - no adult ed.]

***Feb. 5: Israel/Palestine Conflict: Israeli Point-of-View: Part Three. Speaker: Israeli Deputy Consul General Shahar Arieli.*** First United Church of Oak Park welcomes the Deputy Consul General of the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest, Mr. Shahar Arieli, who will provide the perspective of Israel on issues and concerns raised in the Kairos Palestine Document. This representative of a long-time US ally in the region will also provide a sense of Israel's own plans and hopes for establishing a sustainable peace with the Palestinian people.

***Feb. 12: Israel/Palestine Conflict: Part Four. Speaker: Rabbi Brant Rosen,*** Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Evanston and co-founder of Jewish Fast for Gaza. In early 2011 he led a congregational trip to the West Bank, East Jerusalem (that included a dialogue with Palestinian Christians at Sabeel on its itinerary), and Israel. At this session, Rabbi Rosen will offer a Jewish spiritual response to the challenges posed by Kairos Palestine.

***Feb. 19: Part Five. Kairos Palestine. Rev. Julie Harley.*** Julie will address "The Reality on the Ground" in Palestine.

***Feb. 26: Part Six. Kairos Palestine and Kairos USA. Pauline Coffman*** will report on a meeting in Bethlehem, December 5 – 10, 2011 where representatives from several countries gathered to meet and consider a common format for the response to Kairos Palestine. "What Does the Lord Require of Us?"

***Mar. 4: Part Seven. Martha Reese, Moderator.*** Discussion of what we have heard. This is a time for participants to consider our response to Kairos Palestine and all the issues raised throughout this series.