November 13, 2009
Friday

Breakfast at Capitol Skyline Hotel

Hotel registered delegates

7:00 to 8:00 am

Bible Reading and Prayer

Bart Tarman 8:30 - 9:15 am

Presenter

Ambassador Warren Clark (retired)

9:15 - 9:30 am

Presenter

Pastor Bob Roberts 9:30 - 10:15 am

Round Table Discussion

10:15 - 10:45 am

Refreshment Break and Networking

10:45 -11:15 am

Closing Address

Where Do We Go From Here

Ray Bakke 11:15 - 12:00



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Executive Briefing on the Middle East

November 12 - 13, 2009



Capitol Visitors Center
Washington, D.C.

Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding

November 12, 2009
Thursday

Registration and Networking

1:00 - 1:45 pm

Introductions and Overview

Ray Bakke 1:45 - 2:00 PM

Presenter

Stephen Sizer 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Round Table Discussion

2:45 - 3:15 pm

Presenter

MJ Rosenberg 3:15 - 4:00 pm

Refreshment Break and Networking

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Convene at Capitol Visitors Center

5:00 - 5:30 pm

Welcome to Walk-in D. C. Audience

The Honorable Keith Ellison
Member of Congress, Minnesota

5:30 - 6:00 pm

Presenter

Sami Awad 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Video

"With God on Our Side" 6:45 - 7:10 pm

Dinner at Capitol Skyline Hotel

Hotel registered delegates 7:30 pm

Networking after Dinner

Sami Awad



Executive Director of Holy Land Trust

Sami holds a Masters Degree in International Relations, specializing in Peace and Conflict Resolution from the American University in Washington, D.C. and an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Kansas. During his time in the US, Mr. Awad kept very close links with his native homeland, Palestine, and always intended to return to Palestine to play his part in building and developing the Palestinian community.

Prior to joining Holy Land Trust, Mr. Awad worked with the Palestinian Bible Society in establishing a Biblical Museum in Bethlehem and was responsible for the activities of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence in Jerusalem. The Center offered seminars and workshops in Conflict Resolution and Democracy and Nonviolence. He is also one of the founders and partners of Radio Bethlehem 2000, one of the first radio stations to be launched in Palestine.

Keith Ellison



Minnesota Congressman
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Keith Ellison has represented the Fifth Congressional District of Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives since taking office on January 4, 2007.

Representative Ellison is a member of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (DFL). He previously served two terms representing Legislative District 58B in the Minnesota State House of Representatives, from 2003 to 2007. While in the State Legislature, he served on the Public Safety, Policy and Finance Committee, and the Election and Civil Law Committee.

Representative Ellison's philosophy is one of "generosity and inclusiveness". His roots as a community activist and his message of inclusively through democratic participation resonate throughout the Fifth District. His priorities in Congress are: promoting peace, prosperity for working families, and promoting civil and human rights.

Ellison, now 46 years old, was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He moved to Minnesota in 1987 to attend the University of Minnesota Law School, where he earned his law degree in 1990. Keith, and his wife Kim, have lived on the Minneapolis Northside for the past eighteen years. They are the proud parents of four children.

Bob Roberts



Founder and Senior Pastor NorthWood Church
Keller, Texas

Bob Roberts is the founder and Senior Pastor of NorthWood Church. Bob is a national and international speaker and thinker in transforming people, churches, communities and the world. He has led NorthWood and other churches to work on international development projects which include building schools, clinics and hospitals, micro-business, water systems and exchange student programs. He frequently teaches courses on church planting, church growth, church multiplication, community transformation and international development at seminaries and universities around the globe.

Stephen Sizer



Senior Pastor Christ Church
Virginia Water, England

Stephen Sizer is the vicar, or Senior Pastor of Christ Church in Virginia Water, England. Originally from Lowestoft in Suffolk, he has served as a curate in St. Leonard's on Sea, Sussex and then was Rector of St. John's, Stoke, Guildford in Surrey for eleven years. He was appointed vicar of Virginia Water in 1997.

He is the author of three books, In the Footsteps of Jesus and the Apostles, (Engle, 2004) Christian Zionism: Roadmap to Armageddon (IVP, 2004) and Zion's Christian Soldiers: The Bible, Israel and the Church (IVP, 2007). He also writes occasionally for various journals and magazines.

For about eight weeks of the year he teaches in churches, seminaries and universities, mostly in the USA, Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

In his spare time, he enjoys photography, painting and golf, although not very well, and walking Dilly the dog.

Stephen gained his BA in Geography from Sussex University in 1076, a Diploma in Higher Education (Dip HE) in 1983, his MTh (with distinction) from Oxford University in 1994 and his PhD from Middlesex University in 2004.

Dr. Raymond J. Bakke



Chancellor, Distinguished Professor of Global Urban Ministry, and Chairman of the Board of Regents, Bakke Graduate University
Seattle, Washington

Doctoral students and senior associates involved in ministry all over the world are beneficiaries of Dr. Ray Bakke's mentoring and teaching. His work spans half a century and includes 20 years of pastoring inner-city churches in Seattle and Chicago; teaching at Trinity College and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago; 10 years as a professor of ministry at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary near Chicago; and 10 years as a professor of global urban ministry at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Dr. Bakke co-founded the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE). He also founded International Urban Associates (IUA), animating a network of more than 100 urban-based church and mission leaders in many of the world's largest cities. For 16 years he served as senior associate for large cities with the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelism. Since 1979 he has personally led or served as a major resource leader for urban ministry consultations in more than 200 large cities on six continents.

Ambassador Warren Clark



Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace

Ambassador Warren Clark is Executive Director of churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), a coalition of 23 national churches and church organizations that advocates with the US Congress and the administration in Washington, DC in support of a just, durable and comprehensive peace to end in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

He was formerly a career U.S. Foreign Service officer in the Department of State, serving in the Middle East, Europe, Canada, Africa, and at the United Nations. He was Charge d'affaires in Lagos, Nigeria; U.S. Ambassador in Libreville, Gabon; and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Africa.

In 2005 he received a degree in theological studies from Virginia Theological Seminary. He chaired the Commission on Peace for the Episcopal Dioceses of Washington and served as a chaplain at Sibley Hospital.

He has a B.A. from Williams College and holds graduate degrees from Harvard, Georgetown, and John Hopkins Universities. He has received awards from the U.S. State Department, the Navy, and Budapest Technical University.

MJ Rosenberg



Director of Policy Analysis
Washington D.C.

M. J. Rosenberg is the Director of Policy Analysis for Israel Policy Forum (IPF), a position he has held since the spring of 1998.

In this position, MJ heads IPF's Washington, D.C. office and writes IPF Friday, a weekly opinion column on the Arab-Israeli conflict, which is widely circulated throughout the United States and the Middle East. In addition, MJ has published numerous op-eds, in the national and Jewish press.

MJ spent eighteen years within the United States government, fourteen on Capitol Hill as an aide to Representatives Jonathan bingham (D-New York), Edward Feighan (D-Ohio) and Nita Lowey (D-New York) and Senator Carl Levin (D-Michigan). Immediately prior to coming to IPF, he was a political appointee to USAID, where he served as Chief of Staff for Thomas Dine, the head of the Eastern Europe/NIS Bureau of USAID.

From 1982 to 1986, MJ was editor of Near East Report, the American Israel Public Affair Committee's (AIPAC's) biweekly publication on Middle East Policy.

Rev. Bart Tarman



Washington D.C.

Bart Tarman is the former Chaplain of Westmont College, having spent 18 years on their faculty and staff. His first ten years after graduating form the University of Denver were spent on the Young Life staff as an Area Director in Littleton, Colorado. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Bart also severs as the Associate Pastor at El Montecito Presbyterian Church in Montecito, California for five years.

He is currently living in the Washington D.C. area where he works with Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate prayer groups top encourage friendships in Jesus around the world. He and his wife of 39 years, Linda, help serve as a liaison on behalf of these groups to the countries of Latin America. He has been associated with the National Prayer Breakfast for over 30 years. Their travels have not only taken them on multiple trips to many countries in Central and South American, but to several in the Middle East and Asia.

Bart graduated from the University of Denver with a B.A. in Interpersonal Communications and completed a Masters of Divinity degree at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.