



ANNUAL REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2009-JUNE 2010

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The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation is a nation-wide coalition of more than 325 organizations working to end U.S. support for Israel's illegal military occupation of the Palestinian West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip, and to change U.S. policy toward Palestine/Israel to support a just and lasting peace based on human rights, international law, and equality. The US Campaign's strategy to achieve these goals is to educate, organize, and mobilize people in the United States. It provides its member groups with resources, a forum to share lessons learned, and an umbrella for nationwide mobilizations and projects to impact U.S. policy. It has grown from a handful of member groups in 2001 to more than 325 member organizations today in 41 states, the District of Columbia, and abroad. The US Campaign holds an Annual National Organizers' Conference for its member groups to network, share lessons learned, decide upon priority areas of action for the upcoming year, direct and affirm the strategic direction of the coalition, and elect new Steering Committee members. Its founding conference in Chicago, IL in 2002 was followed by national conferences in Washington, DC (2003 and 2004), Atlanta, GA (2005), Dearborn, MI (2006), Arlington, VA (2007), Washington, DC (2008), and Chicago, IL (2009).

1. US CAMPAIGN PROGRAMS, 2009-2010

A. CHALLENGING U.S. POLICY



Graphic from new aidtoisrael.org website.

Challenging military aid to Israel. In February 2010, the US Campaign launched a new website—www.aidtoisrael.org—that highlights the moral and budgetary costs of the United States providing Israel with \$30 billion in military aid between 2009-2018. An interactive map on the website displays how much money each city, Congressional district, and state provides in military aid to Israel, and what that money could fund instead for unmet domestic needs such as affordable housing, health care, green jobs, and education. The US Campaign advertised the website on Google and Facebook, resulting in 6.5 million people seeing the ads, and thousands of people going to the website.

The US Campaign also continued its multi-year organizing campaign to challenge military aid to Israel. Through its grassroots and on-line organizing, the US Campaign collected **tens of thousands of signatures** on letters to the

White House and Congress opposing military aid to Israel. The US Campaign also sent out approximately 250 organizing packets, bringing the total number of volunteer organizers to more than **1,500 in 49 states and more than 600 cities**. The US Campaign also organized a national day of action on **Tax Day**, April 15, during which time military aid organizers and member groups educated people about the misuse of their tax dollars by Israel to commit human rights abuses of Palestinians.

Grassroots Advocacy. In November 2009, the US Campaign relaunched its **Congressional District Coordinator (CDC) network** with an interactive map that facilitates organizing by Congressional district and provides easy-to-access information about Members of Congress and their records on Israel/Palestine policy issues. To date, the US Campaign has signed up **130 CDC's in 28 states and 92 Congressional districts**. CDC's form the backbone of the US Campaign's strategy for affecting grassroots policy change by organizing people to contact their Members of Congress on a regular basis, especially during recesses. The US Campaign continues to work with dozens of CDC's and other volunteers to set up Congressional recess meetings and provide educational and legislative resources for them. The US Campaign also maintains a **Congressional Report Card**, and in July 2010 updated it to include legislative developments during the 2nd session of the 111th Congress (2010). The current report card ranks Senators on six policy issues, and Representatives on 21 issues, such as their voting record on Israel's illegal blockade of the Palestinian Gaza Strip.



Rebecca Vilkomerson, Noura Erakat, Zahir Janmohamed, and Gerald Lenoir (left to right) at Grassroots Advocacy Training.

In March 2010, the US Campaign partnered with member group Interfaith Peace-Builders to organize the second **Grassroots Advocacy Training/Lobby Day**, which drew approximately 200 participants from almost 30 states with nearly 70 Capitol Hill meetings taking place. On the first day of the event, participants attended panels and workshops designed to increase their knowledge of and skills about how to change U.S. policy toward Palestine/Israel to support human rights, international law, and equality. The next day, participants went to meetings on Capitol Hill to press their Members of Congress for accountability on military aid to Israel, an end to Israel's illegal blockade of the occupied Palestinian Gaza Strip, and investigations into the tax-status of non-profit organizations funneling money to illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian West Bank and East Jerusalem.



The US Campaign produced analyses and advocacy campaigns on policy issues.

Policy Initiatives, Analysis, and Education. The US Campaign responded to and created advocacy campaigns around all major policy developments over the course of the past year. These included: 1) Pressing the Obama Administration and Congress to **support the recommendations of the Goldstone Report**, which documented violations of human rights and international law, and the commission of war crimes and possible crimes against humanity before, during, and after 'Operation Cast Lead.' 2) Supporting Congressional "Dear Colleague" letters calling attention to the humanitarian consequences of **Israel's blockade of the occupied Palestinian Gaza Strip**, as part of the US Campaign's overall efforts to end U.S. support for this illegal blockade. 3) Urging the Obama Administration to hold firm to its promise to hold Israel accountable after it announced a **settlement expansion** during Vice President Biden's March 2010 visit. 4) Advocating for **justice for Tristan Anderson**, a U.S. peace activist critically injured by Israeli forces during a protest in the occupied Palestinian West Bank. 5) Pushing the White House and Congress to hold Israel accountable for its illegal attack on the **Gaza Freedom Flotilla**.

US Campaign staff, and Steering Committee and Advisory Board members also published dozens of articles and gave dozens of interviews to the media challenging U.S. policy toward Israel/Palestine. These items appeared on the US Campaign's website and blog, in addition to mainstream media outlets (please see media section for details). The US Campaign also gave speeches on U.S. policy toward Palestine/Israel at several universities and law schools, and took part in the April 2010 "Chicago Hearing," organized by member group American Friends Service Committee—Chicago.

B. BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS (BDS)

Campus organizing. The US Campaign continued its campaigns to encourage boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS)

efforts on college campuses across the country. The US Campaign created a special web section devoted to campus BDS organizing, which features a 33-page **handbook for student divestment initiatives**, entitled “Divest Now!” in addition to a series of PowerPoint presentations guiding students through the BDS process on campus. The US Campaign also organized two **campus BDS organizing tours** in Fall 2009 and Spring 2010. In Fall 2009, the US Campaign organized BDS conferences on campuses in **Milwaukee** and **Pittsburgh** and gave workshops at the **Hampshire College** Students for Justice in Palestine BDS conference. In Spring 2010, the US Campaign organized BDS trainings on campuses in **New Mexico** and **Arizona**, and gave a workshop on BDS at the **Campus Antiwar Network's National Conference** at the University of Illinois, and in Washington, DC. In addition, the US Campaign trained student activists at **Eastern Mennonite University** (EMU), which resulted in a Mennonite university-wide divestment initiative. The US Campaign also publicly supported the BDS efforts of the students at the **University of California—Berkeley** through an email advocacy campaign.



The US Campaign participated in the Hampshire BDS conference.



OFFC is a new US Campaign initiative to encourage BDS in faith communities.

Faith Organizing. The US Campaign continued its efforts to reach out to faith communities and encourage them to engage in BDS campaigns. The US Campaign gave **dozens of speeches, workshops, and presentations** at congregations both to educate them about U.S. policy toward Palestine/Israel and to encourage them to take steps to make sure that their congregations are not complicit with Israel's illegal military occupation of the Palestinian West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip, and Israel's human rights abuses of and apartheid policies toward Palestinians.

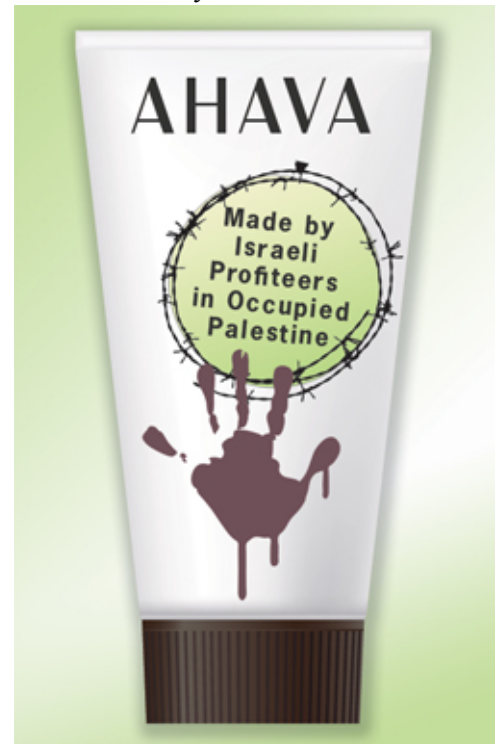
In July 2010, the US Campaign formalized its faith organizing efforts in a new initiative entitled, “**Occupation Free Faith Community**,” which encourages faith communities to take a number of actions, including study, prayer, and campaigns of boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) so that their faith community is working for peace and justice in the Holy Land.

hold accountable corporations such as Caterpillar and Motorola for profiting from Israeli military occupation, or human rights abuses of or apartheid policies toward Palestinians. The US Campaign sent more than **150 organizing packets** to volunteers across the country to help organize local corporate accountability campaigns against Caterpillar and Motorola.

The US Campaign took additional steps to advance its corporate accountability campaign against Motorola by producing a **spoof video of Motorola's new Droid operating system** and by pressing the **Department of Energy** to drop a contract with Motorola-Israel for green technologies. The campaign against Motorola received a boost in December 2009 when progressive phone service provider **Credo Mobile** stopped selling Motorola phones.

The US Campaign also partnered with member group Code Pink: Women for Peace to advance its corporate accountability campaign against Israeli cosmetics-maker **Ahava**. The US Campaign created fact sheets, flyers, petitions, and postcards for an Ahava organizing packet, and sent it to nearly 100 volunteer organizers across the country to help in their local boycott efforts against this illegal Israeli settlement product.

Cultural and academic boycotts. The US Campaign joined many member groups in promoting cultural and academic boycotts. It helped to organize a national protest against the **Israel Ballet**, called upon the **New York Mets** to cancel a fundraiser for the **Hebron Fund**—a U.S. nonprofit that funnels money



StolenBeauty.Org

Corporate accountability campaigns are a big component of US Campaign BDS work.

to illegal Israeli settlements—at Citi Field, and helped organize or joined successful calls to artists such as **The Pixies** and **Gil Scott Heron** to cancel performances in Israel.



US Campaign member group Peace Action-Wisconsin protests CAT in Milwaukee.

Days of action. Throughout the year, the US Campaign helps organize national days of action to commemorate important dates or in response to calls to action from Palestinian civil society. For these days of action, the US Campaign often creates educational resources for distribution and encourages its member groups to organize events.

Since the last National Organizers' Annual Conference, the US Campaign has helped to organize days of action to protest **Israel's illegal blockade of the occupied Palestinian Gaza Strip** (November 2009), to call for the **dismantlement of Israel's illegal Wall** in the occupied Palestinian West Bank and East Jerusalem (November 2009), to mark **Israeli Apartheid Week** (February 2010), to commemorate the life and work of U.S. peace activist **Rachel Corrie** (March 2010), to **encourage BDS** on Land Day (March 2010), and to **protest military aid to Israel** on Tax Day (April 2010). The US

Campaign often utilizes days of action to promote specific BDS actions.

2. MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH, 2009-2010

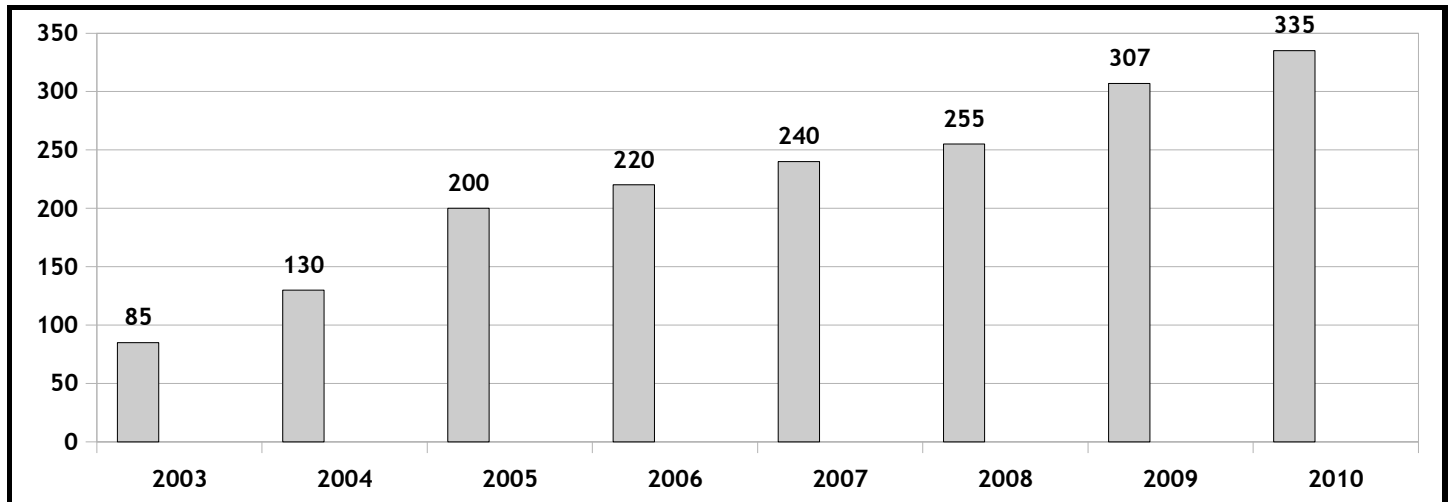
Since its last annual conference, the US Campaign has inducted the following 29 organizations into the coalition, raising the total number of member organizations from 306 to 335:

Alaskans for Palestine Anchorage, AK	American Friends Service Committee-IA Des Moines, IA	AMPLE PAC Cary, NC
Aware! Denver, CO	Buena Vista United Methodist Church Alameda, CA	Citizens for Peace & Justice in the Holy Land, Lees Summit, MO
Coloradans for Peace Colorado Springs, CO	Davis Committee for Palestinian Rights Davis, CA	Dorchester People for Peace Dorchester, MA
International Solidarity Movement-MI Lansing, MI	Jewish Voice for Peace-Detroit Detroit, MI	Jewish Voice for Peace-Sacramento Sacramento, CA
Justice for Palestine-University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI	Kalamazoo Nonviolent Opponents of War Portage, MI	Movement to End Israeli Apartheid-GA Atlanta, GA
North Shore Coalition for Peace & Justice Gloucester, MA	North Texas Boycott, Divest, and Sanction of Israel Campaign, Benbrook, TX	Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel Northfield, MN
St. Louis Instead of War St. Louis, MO	Susan Marie Public Relations Buffalo, NY	Tikkun Chicago Chicago, IL
Triangle Area Palestine/Israel Action Group, Rocky Mount, NC	United Methodists' Holy Land Task Force Culver City, CA	U.S. Citizens Against War Florence, Italy
US Campaign for Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel, Redmond, WA	US to Gaza Bearsville, NY	Vermonters for a Just Peace in Palestine/Israel, Montpelier, VT
Virginians for Middle East Peace Fairfax, VA	Women in Black Union Square New York, NY	

The continued growth of the US Campaign's base of member groups is reflected by the chart on the following page, which shows the number of member groups composing the coalition at each Annual National Organizers' Conference subsequent to its founding conference. From a handful of organizations that founded the coalition in 2002, the US Campaign has grown into a full-fledged national coalition of more than 325 organizations.

Throughout the past year, the US Campaign continued to produce a bi-monthly electronic newsletter called "Occupation

End Notes”. The newsletter features a recap of US Campaign activities and programs, highlights news of interest, spotlights the activities and successes of member organizations, and more. The newsletter is a key part of the US Campaign's efforts to network member groups and build a national movement.



Member groups of the US Campaign at the time of Annual National Organizers' Conferences.

Throughout the year, the US Campaign held a series of conference calls open to its member groups and individual supporters, which provided political updates and analysis and highlighted issues related to the US Campaign's program priorities. Additionally, the US Campaign maintained 5 regional list-serves for its member groups. These list-serves answered the call from member groups for tools to better coordinate with other coalition members in their region.

3. MEDIA, 2009-2010



National Media Coordinator David Hosey on RT America.

Media Coverage: Since the last conference, the US Campaign has continued to receive significant mainstream media coverage of its projects and positions, thereby reaching and educating millions of people in the United States about U.S. policy toward Palestine/Israel and efforts to change it.

The more than 60 items of mainstream media coverage that the US Campaign has received since the last conference include:

- * **Television interviews** on ABC Nightline's "Twittercast," Al Jazeera English, RT America, and Palestine Satellite Channel.

- * **Radio interviews** on BBC Radio, Pacifica Radio, Talk Nation Radio, Radio Islam, and dozens of additional local radio news programs.

- * **Print interviews, quotes, or op-eds** in publications such as The Christian Science Monitor, The Nation, Huffington Post, Common Dreams, The National, National Catholic Reporter, Wafa Palestine News Agency, Palestine Monitor, Ha'aretz, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and many more.

- * **Blog features** on specialized blogs including Mondoweiss, Palestine Note, Wallwritings, The Only Democracy?, Faith in Action, and MuzzleWatch.

Social Media: The US Campaign continued to utilize various social media to expand its on-line presence. The US Campaign nearly **tripled the yearly number of postings to its blog from 90 to 250**, and increased its average readership from 1,400 readers per month to 2,300. The US Campaign's blog, which can be accessed at: <http://endtheoccupationblog.blogspot.com>, has become an important vehicle for posting news about member group activities and successes, analyzing current events and linking them to action opportunities through US Campaign projects,

and publicizing the media appearances of staff, and Steering Committee and Advisory Board members.

The US Campaign also continued to increase its social networking presence by **more than doubling its Twitter followers** from about 350 to 850, and by **more than quintupling its fans and supporters on Facebook** from 850 to 4,900. The US Campaign utilizes its base of social networking supporters to disseminate action alerts, blog postings, and relevant news items to people who would not necessarily receive them from the US Campaign main email blast list.

Increasingly, the US Campaign also creates its own media and distributes it on its YouTube channel, which can be accessed at: <http://www.youtube.com/uscampaign>. Since the last conference, the US Campaign created **five new videos** and added them to its channel, including popular spoof videos—entitled “Hang Up on Moto: Drop the Droid” and “Twilight Zone on Capitol Hill”—that support the US Campaign's BDS and challenging U.S. policy programs. The US Campaign also created videos of Steering Committee member Bill Fletcher, Jr. addressing the United Nations during the November 2009 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, of its Tax Day action at the IRS protesting military aid to Israel, and of President Obama's calls for fiscal accountability versus his record of increasing U.S. military aid to Israel. In April 2010, the US Campaign also created a Vimeo channel, which can be accessed at: <http://vimeo.com/channels/endtheoccupation>, for the purpose of posting longer videos of US Campaign presentations.

4. US CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT, 2009-2010

A. STAFF AND OFFICE TRANSITIONS

Since the last conference, the following people, listed alphabetically, have worked for the US Campaign in a full-time or part-time position:

* **Mike Coogan, *Office Manager***. Since the last conference, Mike has continued to serve as the US Campaign's part-time Office Manager. He is responsible for bookkeeping, donor relations, merchandising, and office infrastructure.

* **Katherine Fuchs, *National Organizer***. Katherine served as the staff person responsible for organizing the US Campaign's boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaigns until she transitioned off of the staff in April 2010. While working for the US Campaign, Katherine also organized its first national speaking tour in 2008 entitled “Separate Is Never Equal: Stories of Apartheid from South Africa and Palestine,” and its traveling *Expressions of the Nakba* art exhibit. The US Campaign would like to take this opportunity to thank Katherine for her 1 ½ years of work with the organization and to wish her well in her future career endeavors. After Katherine's departure from the staff, the US Campaign began a hiring process to fill this open position.

* **David Hosey, *National Media Coordinator/Faith Outreach Coordinator***. In July 2010, David completed his 1 ½ year assignment with the US Campaign as part of his Mission Internship with the United Methodist Church. David was responsible for all aspects of the US Campaign's media strategy, including social networking and blogging. David also spoke at dozens of congregations and contributed to the US Campaign's efforts to engage them in BDS work. Prior to the US Campaign hiring Rana Libdeh (see below), David also fulfilled the responsibilities of the Membership and Outreach Coordinator. The US Campaign would like to take this opportunity to thank David for his work at the US Campaign and to wish him well as he begins graduate school at Wesley Theological Seminary in the fall.

* **Rana Libdeh, *Membership and Outreach Coordinator***. Rana is a former US Campaign intern who was hired in April 2010 as the US Campaign's part-time Membership and Outreach Coordinator. She is responsible for organizing the Annual National Organizers' Conference, member group relations, outreach, and editing Occupation End Notes.

* **Josh Ruebner, *National Advocacy Director***. Josh is the staff person responsible for the US Campaign's legislative and policy work, including its grassroots organizing campaign to challenge U.S. military aid to Israel. Over the course of the previous year, Josh was also responsible for personnel management, organizational development, and fundraising.

In August 2010, **Joshua Hough** will become the US Campaign's new ***Communications Director***. Joshua previously worked with member group Christian Peacemaker Teams near Hebron, where he accompanied, documented human rights abuses against, and advocated for Palestinian villagers. Joshua also has a wealth of professional experience in media, graphic design, layout, and website design. The US Campaign is excited to welcome Joshua on board next month.

The US Campaign is also excited to announce that **Daniel Strum**, a veteran activist with member group Adalah-New York, will begin a short-term consultancy in August 2010. Daniel will utilize his extensive experience with researching and conducting strategic planning for BDS campaigns to help move forward the US Campaign's work in this critical area.

As of this writing, the US Campaign is conducting two hiring processes for National Organizer and Executive Director.

The US Campaign would also like to deeply thank and acknowledge its corps of volunteer interns who have interned at our office since the last conference. During the Fall 2009 semester, **Jen Lauda** served as a BDS Intern, **Rana Libdeh** served as a Membership & Outreach intern, and **Daniel Riley** served as a Policy Intern. Jen was responsible for writing BDS resources; Rana was responsible for creating the membership brochure and expanding our Facebook presence; and Daniel updated the Congressional Report Card and created policy-related videos. During the Spring 2010 semester, Daniel and Rana (until being hired as the Membership and Outreach Coordinator) continued their internships with the US Campaign, and were joined by **Maria Lewis** and **Sepideah Mohsenian** as BDS Interns. Both Maria and Sepideah created new BDS resources to be used in upcoming US Campaign BDS work, and helped mobilize for days of action and cultural and academic boycott campaigns. During the Summer 2010 semester, the US Campaign has five interns: **Sarah Mink** (Media/BDS Intern), **Sam Naser** (Media Intern), **Sabah Naqvi** (Merchandising Intern), **Jessica Russo** (Policy Intern), and **Tala Said** (Policy Intern). All of our summer interns have helped organize the national conference and respond to the Gaza Freedom Flotilla attack. In addition, Sarah has worked on launching the US Campaign's new Occupation Free Faith Communities initiative. Sam has redesigned the US Campaign's email templates. Sabah has upgraded the US Campaign's on-line merchandising efforts. Jessica and Tala have both provided research for policy initiatives, and helped update the Congressional District Coordinator (CDC) network and Congressional Report Card.

It would be impossible for the US Campaign to do the work that it does without the tremendous assistance of its volunteer interns. On behalf of the entire coalition, we would like to thank all of them for their important contributions to our work!

B. STEERING COMMITTEE

According to the US Campaign's Organization Rules, adopted in July 2003, the 12-person Steering Committee is the highest elected decision-making body in between Annual National Organizers' Conferences. At each annual conference, the Assembly—composed of delegates of member groups in good standing—elects four members for three-year terms, which allows for both continuity and change in the leadership of the coalition. The following is a list of current members of the Steering Committee, followed in parentheses by the year in which their terms end. Organizational affiliations are for identification purposes only. Members of the US Campaign Steering Committee serve in their individual capacities.

- * **Serin Atiani** (2011) - [Coalition for Justice and Accountability](#)
- * **Phyllis Bennis** (2012) - [Institute for Policy Studies](#)
- * **Jennifer Bing-Canar** (2010) - [American Friends Service Committee--Chicago](#)
- * **Felicia Eaves** (2012)
- * **Amie Fishman** (2011) - [Jewish Voice for Peace](#)
- * **Bill Fletcher, Jr.** (2012) – [BlackCommentator.com](#)
- * **Adam Horowitz** (2010)
- * **Judith LeBlanc** (2010)
- * **David Matos** (2011) - [Carolina Peace Resource Center](#)
- * **Peter Miller** (2011) - [Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights](#)
- * **Sophia Ritchie** (2010) - [Middle East Children's Alliance](#)
- * **Shakeel Syed** (2010) - [Islamic Shura Council of Southern California](#)
- * **David Wildman** (2012) - [General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church](#)

NOTE: The US Campaign currently has 13 Steering Committee members because at last year's conference, Jennifer Bing-Canar and Sophia Ritchie tied in votes received to fill the remaining one year of a previously vacated position. Rather than have a run-off election, last year's conference voted to have both of them fill out this one year term. Barring any ties during this year's election, the Steering Committee will revert to 12 members.

The US Campaign would like to thank all of its Steering Committee members for the hard work and long hours they have put in over the course of the past year to help guide and develop the work of the coalition. The US Campaign would also

like to particularly thank and acknowledge those Steering Committee members whose terms expire at the 9th Annual National Organizers' Conference.

* **Serin Atiani**, whose elected term ends next year, has decided to step down from the Steering Committee due to changes in her personal circumstances. Serin is a two-term Steering Committee member who has provided invaluable strategic guidance in developing the US Campaign's BDS work, has served on various personnel hiring committees, and took the lead in conceptualizing and organizing the 2008 *Expressions of Nakba* art competition and exhibit.

* **Omar Baddar**, who resigned his elected seat on the Steering Committee in December 2009 due to personal circumstances, provided valuable help to the US Campaign as the Steering Committee's former Secretary, advised on policy and strategy, and also served as a spokesperson for the organization in interviews. The Steering Committee appointed Shakeel Syed (see below) to fill the remaining year of Omar's term.

* **Jennifer Bing-Canar**, who filled the remainder of a term created by a vacancy on the Steering Committee, lent her considerable experience and talent with organizational development, strategic planning, and personnel management to help the US Campaign in these important areas.

* **Adam Horowitz**, during his three year term on the Steering Committee, played a major role in helping to organize the 2008 national anti-apartheid speaking tour, provided important strategic guidance on the development of the US Campaign's BDS efforts, and served on several hiring committees.

* **Judith LeBlanc**, during her three year term on the Steering Committee, utilized her wealth of experience with and knowledge of social movements in the United States to help coalition building efforts, served on several hiring committees, and helped guide the US Campaign's strategic planning and organizational development processes.

* **Sophia Ritchie**, who filled the remainder of a term created by a vacancy on the Steering Committee, provided important help in organizing the national conference, planning for and facilitating face-to-face Steering Committee meetings, and drawing upon her local BDS organizing experience to inform the US Campaign's strategy in this area.

* **Shakeel Syed**, who was appointed by the Steering Committee to fill the remainder of Omar's term, made an immediate impact on the work of the US Campaign during his short tenure on the Steering Committee by helping to strategize about the US Campaign's faith outreach efforts, and by serving as a liaison of the US Campaign in southern California.

At the 9th Annual National Organizers' Conference, voters will elect 5 new Steering Committee members. Members of the Steering Committee whose terms end are eligible to re-run. The top four vote-getting candidates will be elected to fill regular three-year Steering Committee terms. According to the Organization Rules, there will be a special election to fill the remaining year of the Steering Committee seat resigned by Serin Atiani. The candidate for Steering Committee receiving the fifth highest vote total will be elected to serve out the remaining year of the term for this seat.

C. ADVISORY BOARD

The Organization Rules provide for an Advisory Board of persons who will lend their names to the US Campaign, serve as a source of guidance and expertise, and assist in fundraising, campaigns, and activities. It also helps to maintain a link with former Steering Committee members who made a major contribution to the work of the US Campaign. Current Advisory Board members are listed below. Organizational affiliations are for identification purposes only. Members of the US Campaign Advisory Board serve in their individual capacities.

* **Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel**, Presbyterian Minister, Greater Atlanta Presbytery, Moderator of the 214th General Assembly PCUSA-2002-2003

* **Susan Abulhawa**, author of *The Scar of David* and founder of Playgrounds for Palestine

* **Huwaida Arraf**, International Solidarity Movement

* **Prof. Naseer Aruri**, Chancellor Professor (Emeritus) at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

* **Dr. Joel Beinin**, Professor of Middle East History, Stanford University; Middle East Research and Information Project, Jewish Voice for Peace

* **Kathy Bergen**, Program Coordinator, Friends International Center in Ramallah

- * **Kathy Engel**, Poet, Creative and Communications Consultant, social justice, peace & human rights organizations; KickAss Artists
- * **Nadia Hijab**, Writer and human rights advocate
- * **Hany Khalil**, former Grassroots Organizer at United for Peace and Justice national headquarters
- * **Prof. Rashid Khalidi**, Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies, Middle East Institute, Columbia University
- * **Prof. Mark Lance**, Georgetown University Professor of Philosophy
- * **Kevin Martin**, Executive Director, Peace Action and Peace Action Education Fund
- * **Nabil Mohamad**, American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
- * **Dr. Nancy Murray**, Boston Coalition for Palestinian Rights
- * **Dr. Barbara Ransby**, Associate Professor of History and African-American Studies
- * **Mariam Said**

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS, 2009

A. INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT, 2009

	Jan-Dec 2009
Income	
Conference Registrations	13,035.00
Contributions, Foundations	22,250.00
Contributions, Individual	163,246.23
Grants	5,500.00
Memberships	15,410.00
Merchandise Sales	2,703.12
Other Income	2,879.33
Total Income	225,023.68
 Expense	
Direct Program Expenses	
Cost of Merchandise for Sale	1,638.07
Event Expenses	36,915.97
Informational Activities	22,745.36
Support of Similar Organizations	2,710.00
Total Direct Program Expenses	64,009.40
Fundraising	13,171.90
General & Administrative	
Meeting Costs	764.14
Office Expenses	21,364.91
Personnel Costs	137,049.47
General & Administrative - Other	147.67
Total General & Administrative	159,326.19
Total Expense	236,507.49
 Net Income	 -11,483.81

B. BALANCE SHEET, AS OF DEC. 31, 2009

Dec 31, 09

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking 20,700.63

Pay Pal 13,074.03

Petty Cash 424.79

Savings 2,878.06

Total Checking/Savings 37,077.51

Other Current Assets

Inventory Assets 1248.61

Total Other Current Assets 1,248.61

Total Current Assets 38,326.12

Fixed Assets

Accum Depreciation

Inventory Allowance 4,378.43

Accum Depreciation - Other 4,460.91

Total Accum Depreciation 8,839.34

Computers & Printers 2,928.10

Furniture & Other Equipment 1,535.50

Total Fixed Assets 13,302.94

TOTAL ASSETS 51,629.06

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable 565.00

Total Current Liabilities 565.00

Total Liabilities 565.00

Equity

Opening Bal Equity 44,746.23

Retained Earnings 17,801.64

Net Income -11,483.81

Total Equity 51,064.06

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 51629.06