

SEEDS OF JUSTICE AND HOPE FOR PALESTINIANS/ISRAELIS What is Required of US?

April 4-5 , 2014

First United Methodist Church
1838 SW Jefferson Street, Portland, Oregon

presented by: Friends of Sabeel -- North America ~ Portland Action Group



Welcome!

Dear Participant,

We are glad you are here. Your presence in this conference shows you are testing your faith, testing your knowledge, and finding your own commitment to engage in an issue that continues to invade our lives...the justice and peace issues of Palestine/Israel. Welcome!

Like many others in our country, you are seeking to understand the ways in which history is unfolding in the Holy Land. We are here in the presence of others who also care. We are here to listen and to learn about perspectives of faithful and informed members of Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions whose interpretations of past and current events can inform the future of the region. Welcome!

We are here to understand better our own complicity and responsibility as citizens of the world and persons of faith, who want to make a difference in justice and peace issues wherever they occur, but especially in the Holy Land. Welcome!

Come with a great heart and an open mind. Seek your own commitment to engage. Know that together our commitment for justice and peace in Palestine/Israel offers hope for the world. Welcome!



Conference Schedule

Friday ~ April 4th

8:00 **Registration**

(Church Narthex)

9:00 **Welcome**

Rev. Donna Pritchard ~ First United Methodist Church

Janet Elfers - conference moderator

(Sanctuary)

9:15 **Plenary Lecture**

Biblical sources of justice and hope for peace?

Rev. Naim Ateek Moderator: Rev. Dick Toll

Rev. Ateek will promote an inclusive, universal and non-violent understanding of the Bible that lends itself to the achievement of justice, peace and reconciliation for all the people of Palestine/Israel

(Sanctuary)

10:15 - 11:15 **Plenary Lecture**

Sundown towns and anti-miscegenation crusades: The peculiar institutions of Israel

Max Blumenthal Moderator: Mark Eichinger-Wiese

Blumenthal will review the dangerous and many-faceted path that Israel is following in its suppression of the human rights of Palestinians and other non-Jews.

(Sanctuary)

11:30 - 12:30 **Workshops /Seminars:**

Seeds of Hope for Palestine and Israel **Shahriar Ahmed, Rabbi Joey Wolf, Rev. Diane Dulin** Moderator: Curt Bell

Ahmed, Wolf and Dulin will discuss the spiritual bases for hope in Israel and Palestine and for personal engagement on the issue from the Muslim, Jewish and Christian traditions respectively.

(Sanctuary)

Gaza and the siege **Mads Gilbert MD, Donna Boyd RN** Moderator: Rev. Richard Rohrbaugh

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(Fireside Room *capacity 100*)

Youth and the movement for justice in Palestine

Pamela Olson, Cindy and Craig Corrie Moderator: Hanny Selbak

Craig and Cindy Corrie are the parents of activist Rachel Corrie who at age 23 was crushed to death by an Israeli military bulldozer as she stood to protect the home of a Palestinian family in Gaza. Pamela Olson knew nothing about the Middle East until she stumbled into Palestine on a post-college backpacking trip. Immediately hooked, she went on to live there for over two years, and the people she met changed her life and perspective profoundly. The presenters' deep personal connections to Palestine/Israel, their visits to the region, and their efforts at home, provide a human context for exploring the role and engagement of youth in the movement for Justice in Palestine -- in our own communities, in the Middle East, and beyond. In this workshop, they will lead a discussion about the impact of occupation on the youth in Palestine/Israel, current efforts to reach, educate, and mobilize youth in schools worldwide (and the well-funded campaigns to hinder those efforts), how to attract young people to the cause and keep them engaged and active in fruitful ways, and other related topics.

(Room 209 *capacity 30*)

Prospects for peace and justice in Palestine **Mazin Qumsiyeh** Moderator: Roberta Cain

Mazin brings a wealth of information not seen in US Media about the diagnosis and prognosis for the future of the Holy Land. Prof. Qumsiyeh shows that human rights and international law are the answer to the deepening apartheid and colonialism. Reflecting on personal experiences and a long history of advocacy and struggle, he shows the significance of native resistance, aided by global civil society (including via boycotts, divestments, and sanctions) to arrive at peace with justice.

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Authors and journalists McGreal and Blumenthal will discuss Israel as an apartheid state, how that characterization is treated in the press, and whether it helps people focus or distracts them from the issues. At this particular juncture, which strategies will help us move forward -- and closer to a just and peaceful resolution to the conflict?

(Chapel *capacity 100*)

Challenging U.S. complicity in Israel's oppression of the Palestinians **Josh Ruebner** Moderator: Rod Such

The issue of US complicity has a profound political and environmental impact on the future of Palestine/Israel. It is both the cause of great conflict and the source of much cooperation. This talk will focus on the ways in which the United States is complicit in Israel's oppression of the Palestinians and how activists can challenge and change these policies.

(Collins Hall corner *capacity 40*)

The Stones Cry Out **Film by Yasmine Perni** introduced by Claire Anastas

Anastas is a Palestinian Christian resident of Bethlehem who has been profoundly affected by the separation wall. She is featured in the film that tells the story of Palestinian Christians from the Nakba of 1948 until today, a story that has all too often been drowned out in the turmoil of events. (Claire will introduce the film then go to the "Bethlehem: Surrounded City" session which is repeated in the afternoon.)

(Room 134 *capacity 50*)

Anti-Semitism, Zionism & Palestine solidarity movement

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb, Ned Rosch Moderator: David Leslie

Zionism is at the heart of the Palestine/Israel issue and defense against anti-Semitism is at the heart of Zionism. Anti-Semitism is also the major charge that defenders of Israel make against its critics. Gottlieb and Rosch will provide a Jewish perspective on these issues.

(Room 125 *capacity 40* **Note: Stairs required**)

Bethlehem - surrounded city

Janet Lahr Lewis, Claire Anastas, Kelly Lynn Moderator: Rev. Constance Hammond

Bethlehem and the nearby Aida refugee camp are both literally and figuratively up against the wall of Israeli occupation and oppression. Lewis and Anastas are residents of Bethlehem and Lynn is a part time resident of Aida refugee camp. They will discuss the reality of life there with its hardships and collective punishment.

(Room 136 *capacity 50*)

12:30 - 1:30

Lunch

Box lunches provided by Hoda's Middle Eastern Cuisine of Portland, Oregon

(Collins Hall)

1:30 - 3:00 **Plenary Panel**

Current status of peace talks

Phyllis Bennis, Zaha Hassan, Josh Ruebner Moderator: Steve Niva

The current peace talks are in the news this month because the nine months they have been given to make significant progress end this month, April of 2014. Bennis, Hassan and Ruebner are all very knowledgeable about the talks and will discuss the status and the consequences of their failure. Are the talks an "Einstein Round" as Bennis has described them, in homage to Einstein's definition of "crazy" as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result?

(Sanctuary)

3:15 - 4:15 **Workshops / Seminars:**

Will Christians survive in the Holy Land? The power of Kairos to change hearts.

Mark Braverman, Rev. Naim Ateek, Rev. Dick Toll Moderator: Mark Eichinger-Wiese

In 2009, Christian leaders in Palestine issued an historic call to Christians everywhere, and to the international community as a whole, to stand by the Palestinian people who have faced oppression, displacement, suffering and apartheid for more than six decades. The title of their call was "Kairos Palestine: a Moment of Truth." Braverman, Ateek, Wagner and Toll will discuss the current status of Christians in Palestine and the significance of the Kairos call.
(Sanctuary)

Plenary follow up ~ Current status of peace talks **Phyllis Bennis, Zaha Hassan** Moderator: Rev. Catherine Alder

Bennis and Hassan will continue their discussion of the current peace talks with more time for questions and comments.
(Fireside Room *capacity 100*)

Lobbying and the media: **Ed Mast, Cindy and Craig Corrie** Moderator: Jennifer Grosvenor

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Engaging local communities including Muslims on Palestine/Israel issues

Shahriar Ahmed, Marion Dawan, Frank Afranji Moderator: Kanaan Kanaan

The struggle for justice for Palestinians is often viewed through the religious lens of a Christian West and a Muslim East. Misunderstandings of Islam and even Islamophobia have been pandered to by some defenders of Israel's treatment of Palestinians and some defenders of US wars in the Middle East, causing apprehension and harm in Muslim communities. Muslim voices on these issues are not being listened to as they should be. Ahmed, Dawan and Afranji are local Portland Muslim leaders who will discuss how the Muslim voice might become more prominent.
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The halls of power **Pamela Olson** Moderator: Janet Elfers

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Activism now and in the future **Peter Miller, Josh Ruebner, Mohammed Qandil** Moderator: Randy Urmston
Miller, Ruebner and Qandil will discuss local and national opportunities for making a difference. What works and what doesn't, why and why not, and where are things going?
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Zionism Unsettled: Time for a vital and challenging study/conversation

Don Wagner Moderator: Mark Braverman

The new study-guide "Zionism Unsettled" by the Presbyterian justice network IPMN (Israel/Palestine Mission Network) has hit a nerve as it calls for a critical analysis of political Zionism and several forms of Christian Zionism, including Roman Catholic and mainline-liberal Protestant. This workshop will introduce the study and examine some arguments of the opposition. Copies will be available for sale.

(Room 209 *capacity* 30)

4:30 - 5:30 **Plenary Lecture**

Palestine and the development of Muslim theology of liberation **Hatem Bazian** Moderator: Zaha Hassan

Bazian will discuss how Islam's calling is an ethical and moral one - not a search for codifying permanent power for Muslims. Islam in the modern state should be located in upholding the dignity and freedom of all persons, providing a just and fair economics, preservation of the environment, celebrating human religious, ethnic, racial, cultural, gender and linguistic diversity and viewing them as signs of God in the world.

(Sanctuary)

6:00 **Dinner / Keynote**

Dinner by Cafe Soriah of Eugene, Oregon Chef: Ibrahim Hamide

Keynote: *Seeds of hope for justice and peace in Palestine* **Don Wagner**

10:15 - 11:15 **Plenary Lecture**

Beyond Zionism: Hope for freedom & democracy in Palestine **Miko Peled** Moderator: Don Wagner

The issue of Palestine is wrongly characterized as a war, and even a war between two countries, when in fact it is a struggle for freedom from oppression. The solution then has to come by ending the regime of oppression and the creation of a political framework that is democratic and provides freedom to all people who live in what is known as Palestine/Israel.
(Sanctuary)

11:30 - 12:30 **Workshops /Seminars:**

The question of Christian Zionism

Rev. Naim Ateek, Rev. Brian McLaren, Rev. Don Wagner Moderator: Mark Braverman

Christian Zionism is a major source of support for Israel's domination of Palestinians and is strongly encouraged by the Israeli government. Christian Zionism is not limited to evangelical churches but is also found among mainline Protestant churches. Wagner, Ateek and McLaren will discuss its origins, its strengths, its weaknesses and how it can be responded to.
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Special youth program 11:30 to 2:30 pm

Mohammed Qandil, Kelly Lynn

This special free program for middle and high schoolers will combine a little hip hop with films and lectures to introduce youth to the history of the Palestinian/Israeli struggle, life under occupation, and the similarities in the basic tenets of the "people of the book" .. the three Abrahamic faiths. Free lunch is provided.

(Gymnasium *Seating for 40*)

12:30 - 1:30

Lunch

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(Collins Hall)

1:30 - 3:00 **Plenary Lecture**

The Judaization of Palestine **Max Blumenthal, Miko Peled, Steve Niva** Moderator: Phyllis Bennis

Since 1948 and until the present day, the Israeli government has pursued a consistent and methodical program of Judaizing the land and minimizing the Palestinian presence within Israel, East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Blumenthal, Peled and Niva will describe this program, what mechanisms are being used, and how it might be opposed.

(Sanctuary)

3:30 - 4:30 **Plenary Lecture**

The prophets and the gospels: Christian responsibility for Palestinian justice

Rev. Brian McLaren Moderator: Doug Thorpe

Christians are complicit in the injustices suffered by the Palestinians in more ways than we commonly realize. In this session, the speaker will explore how the message of the prophets and of Jesus expose this complicity - and how they inspire a creative, constructive, intelligent, and impassioned response.

(Sanctuary)

Note: Admission to this plenary is included with full conference registration and Saturday only conference registration. Additional *Brian McLaren plenary only tickets* are being sold for this plenary.

4:30 - 5:00 **Closing**

Where to from here? **Rev. Dick Toll** **Rev. Naim Ateek**

How do we become involved, messages to ourselves, prayer and song.
(Sanctuary)

Note: Because of the needs of First United Methodist Church we **must clear the building by 5:30**. Several nearby restaurants will host group meetings and discussions. See the "Afterwards" section of this program for more details.

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Speakers and Workshop Leaders (alphabetical order by last name)

Frank Afranji was born and raised in Ramallah, Palestine. Mr. Afranji has long been active in the area of Middle East peace and Palestinian/Israeli dialogue. He has served as President of the Interreligious Committee for the Peace in the Middle East; he has received recognition from many organizations, including the World Affairs Council of Oregon, the Oregon Peace Institute, and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Shahriar Ahmed is the president of the Bilal Mosque Association, in Beaverton, Oregon. He is deeply appreciative of the support from the Jewish and Christian communities after 9/11 and is deeply committed towards the establishment of Justice and Peace everywhere.

Claire Anastas is a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem. Claire and her family have spent fourteen years trapped between Israeli politics and Palestinian infighting. They experienced the worst of the intifadas and consequential building of the security/separation wall around her house, close to checkpoint 300.

Rev. Naim Ateek is an Arab-Israeli citizen and the founder and leader of Sabeel. A theologian and former canon of the Episcopal Cathedral of Jerusalem, Naim is the author of many books and articles including "Justice and Only Justice: A Palestinian Theology of Liberation" and "A Palestinian Christian Cry for Reconciliation". He works tirelessly to help Palestinian Christians find the faith that will sustain them under occupation.

Hatem Bazian is co-founder and Member of Board of Trustees at Zaytuna College in Berkeley California and Senior Lecturer in the Departments of Near Eastern and Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the co-founder and Chair of American Muslims for Palestine, and author of "Jerusalem in Islamic Consciousness."

Phyllis Bennis is a Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, and of the Amsterdam-based Transnational Institute. She is a co-founder of the US Campaign to end the Israeli Occupation. Her books include "Understanding the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict: A Primer", "Challenging Empire: How People, Governments and the UN Defy U.S. Power", and "Before & After: U.S. Foreign Policy and the War on Terror."

Max Blumenthal is a journalist and author whose articles and videos have appeared in the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, The Nation and elsewhere. He is the author of "Republican Gomorrah: Inside the Movement that Shattered the Party" and most recently "Goliath: Fear and Loathing in Greater Israel."

Mark Braverman is a Jewish American psychologist who now devotes himself full-time to the cause for peace in historic Palestine. He focuses on the role of religious beliefs and the future of interfaith relations. He is Program Director of Kairos USA. He is the author of "Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews, and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land" and "A Wall in Jerusalem: Hope, Healing and Struggle for Peace in Israel and Palestine".

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Cindy and Craig Corrie are the parents of human rights activist Rachel Corrie, killed in 2003 in Gaza as she stood to prevent demolition of a Palestinian home. The Corries continue to advocate for accountability in their daughter's case and for a just peace in the Middle East.

Lavada Marion Poole Dawan is a pioneer in Islamic community building in the Portland area. Marion has been a board member of Islamic Social Services of Oregon and Washington for 10 years, a member of the Shura Board of the Muslim Community Center of Portland for 14 years, an advisory member of the Muslim Educational Trust, and has worked as an assistant teacher in The Albina Head Start Program for 14 years.

Rev. Diane Dulin has been a United Church of Christ minister for 34 years, 21 of those as pastor at First Congregational UCC in Hillsboro, Oregon from which she retired three months ago. She has long worked in interfaith efforts, has traveled to Palestine twice, and currently commits her time to efforts on behalf of justice and peace for Palestine and Israel.

Mads Gilbert M.D. is a specialist in anesthesiology and Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of North Norway in Tromsø, Norway. He has worked extensively with Palestinian people in occupied Palestine. He was in Gaza during Operation Cast Lead and has written a book with his colleague Eric Fosse about his experiences entitled "Eyes in Gaza."

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb is Co-founder of the Shomer Shalom Network for Jewish Non-Violence in Berkeley California and is a founding member of the Rabbinical Council of Jewish Voice for Peace. She is the author of "She Who Dwells Within: Feminist Vision of a Renewed Judaism" and "Trail Guide to the Torah of Non-Violence." She recently lead an interfaith Fellowship of Reconciliation delegation of U.S. artists to Palestine.

Zaha Hassan is a Palestinian-American attorney, writer and human rights advocate. She worked as a legal advisor to the Palestinian negotiating team during the lead up to and following Palestine's application for UN membership. She is a co-host with Ned Rosch of the program One Land Many Voices on KBOO Portland Oregon, a radio program that explores the Palestine/Israel conflict through a human rights and international law lens.

Janet Lahr Lewis is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church in the Middle East. As of 2007 she has served as the Methodist Liaison in Palestine and Israel. Before that she worked for many years as the Coordinator of Friends of Sabeel-International at the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem.

Kelly Lynn is an activist journalist living part time in Occupied Bethlehem. She documents local grassroots resistance efforts against Israeli occupation and is active in the Portland area with several solidarity groups.

Ed Mast is a playwright and performer whose plays and solo performances have been seen in New York, Chicago, Seattle, Washington DC, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oxford, Tashkent, Jerusalem, and other cities. His play Sahmatah: Memory of Stones (co-written with Hanna Eady), has been touring Palestine/Israel since 1998. He volunteers with Palestine Information Project, Palestine Solidarity Committee/ISM-Seattle, and Seattle Mideast Awareness Campaign.

Peter Miller is founder and president of Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights. He is a co-chair of the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, a national coalition of over 400 organizations nationwide. In 2011 he spoke as a representative of global civil society to the United Nations General Assembly.

Chris McGreal is a former Jerusalem correspondent for The Guardian. He travelled and reported extensively in Africa for 15 years, including the transition from apartheid in South Africa. He covered the Egyptian and Libyan revolutions for the Guardian. He is presently working on a book about Israel and apartheid. He lives in Portland with his two sons.

Rev. Brian McLaren is an author, speaker, activist, and networker among innovative Christian leaders. His books include "A New Kind of Christianity", "A Generous Orthodoxy", "Naked Spirituality", and "Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?" His upcoming book, "We Make the Road by Walking", is scheduled for release in June, 2014.

Steve Niva is a professor of International Politics and Middle East Studies at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. He has written for and served on the editorial board of Middle East Report magazine (www.merip.org). He has written widely on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, Israel's occupation, and US foreign policy.

Pamela Olson lived in Ramallah for two years and served as editor for the *Palestine Monitor* and foreign press coordinator for Dr. Mustafa Barghouti's 2005 presidential campaign. She is the author of the memoir "Fast Times in Palestine."

Miko Peled is an Israeli writer and activist. He is the author of "The General's son: Journey of an Israeli in Palestine." He is co-founder with Nada Elbanna of the Elbanna-Peled foundation. He is a karate instructor and has taught karate to Palestinian youth in refugee camps.

Mohamed Qandil is a Palestinian-American student at Portland State University. He recently won a student achievement award from the Muslim Educational Trust.

Mazin Qumsiyeh is a geneticist who teaches and does research at Bethlehem and Birzeit Universities. He has served on the faculties of the University of Tennessee, Duke and Yale Universities. His books include "Sharing the Land of Canaan: human rights and the Israeli/Palestinian Struggle" and "Popular Resistance in Palestine: A history of Hope and Empowerment."

Ned Rosch is an activist and co-founder of the Portland chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace. He is a co-host with Zaha Hassan of the program One Land Many Voices on KBOO in Portland, a radio program that explores the Palestine/Israel conflict through a human rights and international law lens.

Josh Ruebner is the National Advocacy Director of the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation. He is a former analyst in Middle East Affairs at the Congressional Research Service. He is the author of "Shattered Hopes: Obama's Failure to Broker Palestinian/Israel Peace."

Shakeel Syed currently serves the board of American Muslims for Palestine. He has also served on the boards of US Campaign to End Israeli Occupation and Interfaith Peacebuilders. He is Executive Director of the Islamic Shura Council of Southern California. He speaks on the urgent need for justice in Palestine/Israel.

Rev. Don Wagner is an ordained Presbyterian minister and National Program Director for Friends of Sabeel North America. He was Professor of Middle East Studies at North Park University (1995-2010) and is the author of 4 books. He is co-editor with Walt Davis of the forthcoming "Zionism and the Quest for Justice in the Holy Land" (due August, 2014).

Rabbi Joseph Wolf The spiritual leader of Havurah Shalom for the past 27 years, Rabbi Joey Wolf was a co-founder of the local Muslim/Arab - Jewish Dialogue in 2001. A long-time worker for peace in the Middle East, he seeks to learn from old and new wisdom traditions without becoming enslaved to ancient religious texts.

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Sabeel, Arabic for 'the Way', was founded by theologian and Canon Naim Ateek, and works with and on behalf of Palestinian Christians for justice through nonviolence in the Holy Land.



Sabeel is an international peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land who seek a just peace based on two states-Palestine and Israel-as defined by international law and existing United Nations resolutions. Sabeel promotes theological, moral, and legal principles for peace as outlined in the Jerusalem Sabeel Document. Friends of Sabeel-North America (FOSNA) works in the U.S. and Canada to support the vision of Sabeel, cultivating the support of American churches through co-sponsored regional educational conferences, alternative pilgrimages, witness trips, and international gatherings in the Holy Land. FOSNA.org

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Afterwards

FRIDAY: On Friday, the conference will conclude at 5:30 p.m. If you did not purchase tickets to the dinner that night, we have provided several options below.

SATURDAY: On Saturday evening the session will conclude at 5 p.m. and **we must be out of the church no later than 5:30 p.m.** We hope you will plan to continue the conversations with other participants at these suggested restaurants. Of course, downtown Portland has many other options. Yelp can provide guidance if you care to try other restaurants in the area.

NOTE: We have provided some flip chart papers in the hallway by the narthex for you to plan meeting places for particular groups or discussion topics.

Restaurants within a 3 to 5 block radius from the church: (These are all within walking distance of the church.)

The Leaky Roof: 1538 SW Jefferson Street. Great prices on "Happy Hour" food, 3-6 every day, including weekends, and nice ambiance.

Kinara Thai Bistro: 1126 SW 18th Street. Next to the Lincoln High School football field. Good Thai food with "upscale décor" but decent prices.

Thai Chili Jam: 1243 SW Jefferson. Also good Thai food and good prices.

West Café: 1201 SW Jefferson. Really good food; nice ambiance and super-nice servers/owners. American, vegetarian and northwest cuisine. A neighborhood favorite.

Chef Naoko: 1237 SW Jefferson Street. Authentic Japanese cuisine.

Laughing Planet: 1755 SW Jefferson Street, kitty-corner from the church. A chain with "nutritious" rice bowls and the like with lots of vegetarian choices.

Hot Lips Pizza: 633 SW 18th. Good pizza, casual dining.

Brazil Grill: 1201 SW 12th Street. Steakhouse. If anyone wants to splurge for this "all the meat you can eat" experience, it is really good - and authentic to its Brazilian "roots"

Loving Hut: 1239 SW Jefferson Street. An international vegan chain of restaurants.

Belligios Pizza: 1742 SW Jefferson Street. Italian food.

Near the Hotel Deluxe:

Gracie's: 729 SW 15th Street. Inside the Hotel Deluxe.

Gilda's Italian Restaurant: 1601 SW Morrison Street

Marathon Taverna: 1735 W. Burnside. Mediterranean, Greek, Middle Eastern.

Near the downtown Marriott Hotel:

The Imperial: 410 SW Broadway

Pazzo: 627 SW Broadway. Italian.

The Original: A Dinerant: 300 SW 6th Street

Near the University Place:

Cityside Grill: 310 SW Lincoln Street. Inside the University Place Hotel.

Hot Pot City: 1975 SW 1st Avenue, Ste. J. Asian, Chinese.

Alexandrya's: 420 SW College Street. Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, Greek.

Other downtown Portland favorites:

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