



Former NCP Moderator Bill Plitt Reports at March 26 NCP Open Space on Palestinian Daoud Nassar's Tent of Nations Ministry and U.S. Support Group He Leads, Friends of Tent of Nations North America (FOTONNA)

Bill Plitt, a member of our Presbytery's Leadership Council who until recently served as NCP Moderator as well, **will share his ongoing experience as Executive Director of the ecumenical ministry Friends of Tent of Nations North America (fotonna.org) at our upcoming March 26 Open Space hour (4-5pm.)**. Bill's presentation is sponsored by the Israel-Palestine Mission Network of the National Capital Presbytery. The Choir

Room at National Presbyterian Church has been requested for this event, which is sure to be inspiring and thought-provoking.

During his work with FOTONNA since 2007, former educator Bill Plitt has traveled extensively throughout the United States on multiple speaking tours with the gentle, warm-hearted, always inspiring Palestinian farmer Daoud Nassar, founder of the ecumenical Palestinian Christian peace project Tent of Nations, whose inspiring motto is "We Refuse to be Enemies."

The veteran classroom teacher and school administrator has traveled regularly during past 13 years with peace delegations and on solo trips to Jordan, Israel and the Occupied Territories. As Executive Director of Friends of Tent of Nations North America, he works to create a living bridge to Tent of Nations (TON), Daoud Nassar's peace project in the West Bank. He is a lifelong Presbyterian and has participated in every PCUSA General Assembly since 2008. Bill was an overture advocate for the Scioto Valley (Ohio) Presbytery in 2012 for the boycott of goods produced within the Israeli Occupied Territories. The GA, which adopted that resolution by a wide margin, was the first denomination to officially do so.

Bill Plitt has consulted for many years with Metro DC regional school systems and universities on the topic of working with at-risk students more effectively. He is a faithful ruling elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington and supported in ministry there.

The tall, slender, always-smiling Bill Plitt has served as the Chair of the National Capital Presbytery's Mission Coordination Committee and is the former Vice Moderator of the Israel/Palestine Mission Network (PCUSA) Steering Committee. He was a contributing writer to one of the Network's resources for churches called Steadfast Hope: a Palestinian Quest for a Just Peace. He has led a series of workshops using these materials in several churches within the National Capital Presbytery. Bill served on the Board of Health Ministries for NCP for several years.

Bill was the co-chair of the National Capital Presbytery's Israel-Palestine Mission Network under the support of the Presbytery's Mission Coordinating Committee and served as Vice Moderator and Moderator of the NCP, consisting 108 churches in metropolitan Washington, D.C. As former Moderator, he serves on the Leadership Council and continues with his ministry by worshipping each Sunday in a different church across the Presbytery witnessing the work of the servants of Christ in the congregations' pews, in their diversity of culture, gender and age.

During his work with FOTONNA, Bill has traveled throughout more than 24 states with Daoud Nassar, whose Tent of Nations Project, on a 100-acre farm located just south of Bethlehem, is surrounded by five Israeli West Bank settlements. The U.S tours have taken them together to over 350 venues, including 163 faith-based sites such as seminaries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, as well as to 47 universities and colleges sharing the good news of "loving your neighbor and refusing to be enemies." Bill has written extensively about his experiences in the Middle East. To have fun, the husband and father plays a blues harp in a rock-and-roll band.