

# “Kairos: Seeking Peace”

**Mark Braverman**

**26<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June**



A cross centre themed week, when the main speaker will be Dr Mark Braverman who comes to us from the United States. The theme of the week will be 'Kairos Palestine : the time is NOW'. This will be an opportunity to engage with the Kairos Document under the leadership of someone who is internationally renowned and to explore ways of practical action. There is a strong possibility that Rev Dr Naim Ateek, a Palestinian Christian leader who is one of the signatories to the Kairos Document will be co-speaker. Dr Ateek is Founder and Director of Sabeel Jerusalem. There is bound to be a big demand for places and early booking is recommended.



**Mark Braverman** is a Jewish American with deep family roots in the Holy Land. Mark was reared in the Jewish tradition, studying Bible, Hebrew literature, and Jewish history. Trained in clinical psychology and crisis management, Mark worked with individuals and organizations undergoing traumatic stress. Traveling to Israel/Palestine in 2006 he was transformed by witnessing the occupation of Palestine and by encounters with peace activists and civil society leaders from the Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities. He now devotes himself full-time to writing, speaking and action related to a just peace in Israel/Palestine. In his work Mark focuses on the role of religious beliefs and theology in the

current discourse and the function of interfaith relations in the current search for a resolution of the conflict. Mark serves on the advisory board of Friends of Sabeel North America and on the Board of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions-USA. He is a cofounder of Friends of Tent of Nations North America, a non-profit dedicated to supporting Palestinian land rights and coexistence in historic Palestine. Mark consults to and writes for the Israel Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church USA and has been appointed consultant for Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding. He is a charter member of American Jews for a Just Peace.

In 2009 Mark participated in the launch of the Kairos Palestine document in Bethlehem, delivering a [panel address](#) and meeting with lay and clergy leaders from around the world to develop a strategy for church action on a global basis. In 2011 he was the U.S. delegate to the Southern Africa-Palestine Encounter in Johannesburg. The purpose of the conference was to share theological perspectives, learn from each other's experience, and plan joint actions. In September 2011 Mark lectured and led workshops at the “A moment of truth” conference of Kairos Netherlands at VU University in Amsterdam. He is currently coordinating the formation of Kairos North America.

Mark is the author of [Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews, and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land](#). His writings, blog, and sermons can be found at [www.markbraverman.org](http://www.markbraverman.org).