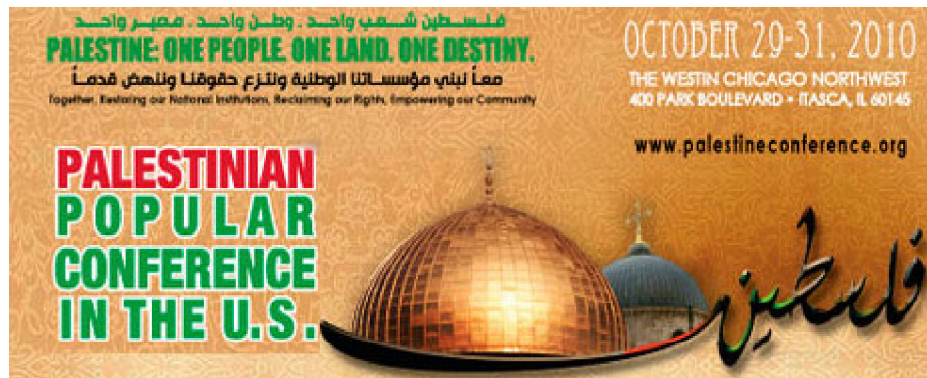


REGISTRATION NOW OPEN for the Second Palestinian Popular Conference in the US!



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Palestine: One Land, One People, One Destiny

Second Palestinian Popular Conference:

Together, Restoring our National Institutions, Reclaiming our Rights, Empowering our Community

**October 29-31, 2010
The Westin Chicago Northwest
400 Park Boulevard
Itasca, IL 60143**

(10 minutes from Woodfield Mall; 25 minutes from O'Hare Airport)

On Friday, October 29, 2010, Palestinians from across the U.S. will gather in Chicago for the opening of the Second Popular Palestinian Conference. The conference, organized by the U.S. Palestinian Community Network (USPCN), will feature cultural events and performances, popular assemblies, discussions and strategy sessions, and major addresses by prominent speakers, including Palestinian political leader Occupied Palestine '48 **Haneen Zoabi**, Archbishop of Sebastia **Father Theodosios Atallah Hanna**, and legendary Lebanese musician **Marcel Khalife**.

Registration is now open for the conference! Full conference registration - including our special student rate - includes all events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. **CLICK HERE to register now!**

In addition, hotel rooms are available at the Westin Chicago Northwest for **\$89/night**. Please call the Westin at **(630) 773-4000** and tell them that you are booking as part of the USPCN conference to ensure this rate. Each room has either a king size bed or two double beds.

This is the second Popular Conference organized by the US Palestinian Community Network; our first Popular Conference, in 2008, drew over 1,000 Palestinians to come together to strengthen our voice and organization as a community. Today, we call upon all organizations, individuals and groups in our community and all solidarity movements to participate in the organizing of this popular Palestinian assembly and forum for the second time in Chicago, where the Palestinian community from all backgrounds and sectors – students, youth, and elders; women and men; professionals and workers – will come together to defend our national rights and mobilize our community.

We recall 800,000 Palestinians forced from their homeland by invading Zionist forces; we recall generations of resistance and struggle, within the lands occupied in 1948; within the West Bank and Gaza; in the camps of exile surrounding Palestine; and everywhere in the world where Palestinians established their communities, built their institutions and remained steadfast in their commitment for their land and people. Today, there are over seven million Palestinian refugees in our communities – dreaming, hoping, and struggling wholeheartedly for justice, return and liberation. We recall the history of racism, oppression and brutality – and our people's history of resistance and struggle, and we are committed to build a future of justice and liberation.

Join us and participate in organizing the Second Popular Conference. The Conference's primary goal is to empower our community in the US to assume a key role in realizing Palestinian rights and develop principled and pluralistic Palestinian national institutions in the United States. We have an obligation to become full participants in our Palestinian quest for freedom, self-determination and the return of the refugees to their original towns and villages. Your full participation in all aspects is essential as we march together for a free Palestine – **Palestine: One People, One Land, One Destiny!**

Speakers will include:

Haneen Zoabi is a member of the Political Bureau of al-Tajammu' party in Occupied Palestine '48



Haneen Zoabi is a member of the Political Bureau of al-Fajrah party in Occupied Palestine, and participated in the Gaza Freedom Flotilla, where she was a passenger on the Mavi Marmara, the grassroots humanitarian/blockade-breaking ship that was attacked by the Israeli military, killing nine international activists. She was viciously attacked in the Israeli Knesset and stripped of her rights.



Marcel Khalife is a world-renowned Lebanese composer, *oud* master and singer. He is recognized as cultural icon and endeared by millions in the Arab world. Khalife has a rich repertoire of more than 20 lyrical and instrumental albums. In his association with great contemporary Arab poets, particularly the late eminent Palestinian poet par excellence Mahmoud Darwish, Khalife, he seeks to renew the character of the Arabic song, to break its stereotypes, and to advance the culture of the society that surrounds it.

Along with the many international awards that he has received through out his long illustrious career, in June 2005 Marcel Khalife was named UNESCO Artist for Peace for his artistic achievements and humanitarian and educational contributions.

Khalife will speak on the subject of "Culture and Freedom".



Archbishop Theodosios Atallah Hanna is a distinguished Arab nationalist and spiritual leader born in al-Rameh in the Galilee. He is Archbishop of Sebastia of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the second Palestinian to hold the position of Archbishop in the history of the diocese. He is also the designated spokesperson for the Greek Orthodox Church for all of occupied Palestine.

Please register today and forward this announcement to others in your community! To get involved with the Second Popular Conference for Palestinians in the US, email USPCN at conference@palestineconference.org or visit our website at <http://www.palestineconference.org>.