

# Friends of Wadi Foquin Palestine 101 Teach-In

**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

12:30pm Gathering time & light refreshments  
1pm Program begins (concludes by 3:30pm)

**Event Address:**

Lake Park United Methodist Church  
281 Santa Clara Ave  
Oakland, CA 94610

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/FOWF-Teach-In-Nov2023>.



Are you concerned about the suffering and devastation in Gaza but don't feel like you have the knowledge and/or tools to speak out? Join Friends of Wadi Foquin for this introductory teach-in covering the current crisis and what led up to this point.

By the end of this teach-in, you will be able to speak knowledgeably, faithfully, and compassionately about the current crisis in Gaza and the West Bank; you will be able to help friends understand the situation; and you will come away with concrete actions that you can take to advocate for the people of Gaza and Palestinians more broadly.

The teach-in is intended to be a space for learning as well as building relationships with other Christians who are interested in justice for Palestinians. It will be interactive, consisting of 3 sessions with time for breaks and break-out groups.

About the co-facilitators:

Ken Schoon is an ordained United Methodist deacon who is pursuing his doctoral studies, focusing on Christian solidarity pilgrimages to Palestine, at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Earlier this year he led a pilgrimage to Palestine as the chaplain of a group from Friends of Wadi Foquin, which is the East Bay-based organization that is also the sponsor of this teach-in. Ken will speak to the history of Palestine and how we got here, informed by his studies and research in Palestine.

Emily Lin is a United Methodist pastor who has served churches in Oakland and Alameda and is passionate about learning and teaching. Her involvement with Palestine dates back over two decades, when she served for 18 months as a United Methodist mission intern in Gaza. Emily co-leads pilgrimage planning for Friends of Wadi Foquin. She will be moderating a discussion in which we will hear directly from Palestinian speakers about their stories and perspectives.

George Han is a pediatrician and public health physician who also went on the pilgrimage to Palestine earlier this year. He will draw on his knowledge of communications honed during the pandemic to discuss how to talk about Palestine with friends who want to know more, covering topics such as building trust, overcoming skepticism, and countering misinformation. Finally, we will review effective actions we can take to support Palestinian liberation.

*\*Friends of Wadi Foquin is a U.S.-based partnership established by members of the California-Nevada Annual Conference with the Palestinian village of Wadi Foquin, located in the occupied West Bank. For more information about Friends of Wadi Foquin, visit [friendsofwadifoquin.com](http://friendsofwadifoquin.com)*