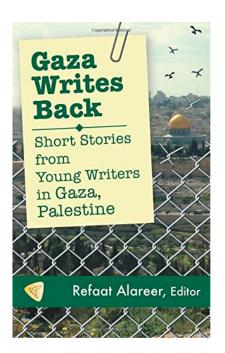
Workshop on the Experience of Palestinian Christians

Rachel Shomali is a 21 year old Palestinian Christian from the West Bank. She is a student at Birzeit University where she is a junior studying Marketing. Rachel spent her childhood living in Michigan, but moved with her family back to Palestine at the age of 12. Last summer she worked with Disciples Peace Fellowship & Global Ministries as a Peace Intern/Missionary-in-Residence leading workshops about the Occupation of Palestine in church camps around the USA. Rachel is serving as an intern in our Region this summer, with her home-base at Vista La Mesa Christian Church. She is here to offer a "ministry of presence", giving a face to the Palestinian struggle and helping us understand it better.



Saturday, August 12th ~ 9:30-2:00 First Christian Church, Fullerton 109 E. Wilshire Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832



9:30-10:00 ~ Registration & Gathering 10:00-12:00 ~ Workshop presented by Rachel, including Q&A 12:00-1:00 ~ Middle Eastern Lunch 1:00-2:00 ~ Optional Book Discussion

During the Optional Book Discussion, Rachel will lead us in a conversation about "Gaza Writes Back", a collection of short stories written by young adults living under the Israeli siege of Gaza. If you want to participate, please order the book and read it ahead of the event.

This event and Rachel's internship (in part) are sponsored by our Conference/Regional Global Ministries Committee. An \$10 donation to the Committee is suggested to help cover the costs of this event, including the catered lunch.

PLEASE RSVP for this event by emailing Janelle Vannoy at <u>assist@disciplespswr.org</u> by August 9th. This will help us get a good head count for lunch.