



**Persistent Hope: 35 Years of CMEP
2019 Advocacy Summit | Washington, D.C.
June 23-25, 2019**

SUNDAY

- 4:30pm** **Doors Open**
- 5pm Welcome Message from CMEP Staff
- 5:10pm Session 1 | 35 Years of CMEP and Christian engagement in Israel and Palestine and the Middle East
- 5:25pm Session 2 | Jewish Voices with Q&A
- 6pm Session 3 | Keynote Address: [Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish](#) with Q&A
- 7pm End Day 1

MONDAY

- 8:30am Doors Open
- 9am Session 4 | Keynote Address: [Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon](#): Constructive Christian Engagement in Israeli/Palestinian Advocacy

This panel discussion includes U.S. pastors and leaders who are experts in local church engagement and advocacy, theological considerations of the conflict, and practitioners coming from a Christian faith-based perspective. Leaders include Palestinian Christian lawyer [Jonathan Kuttab](#) and Seattle Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) pastor of Mountview Lutheran Church, Jon Vaswig.

- 10:45am Session 5 | Looking Forward, Looking Back: Israel and Palestine Advocacy

This panel will reflect on the challenges, as well as successes, of the past few decades related to the movement for justice in Israel/Palestine in the United States. Speakers will examine how organizations and individuals have responded to developments in Israel/Palestine--from the Nakba to the Nation State Law--and the U.S.

*Schedule subject to change

**There will be no coffee or snacks served on Sunday evening. Coffee and snacks will be provided on Monday and Tuesday.

government--from cutting humanitarian funding to moving the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem--as they seek to shift U.S. policy. This panel will also reflect on how we can harness challenges and successes for future opportunities to end the occupation and work toward equality, human rights, and a just peace for all in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.

12:05pm Lunch Break (90 minutes)

1:30pm Conference Resumes

1:40pm Presentation of [2019 Congressional Awards](#): Sen. Bernie Sanders and Rep. Ro Khanna

2:10pm Session 6 | 35 Years of CMEP

Honoring CMEP's Executive Directors: [Corinne Whitlatch](#), Ambassador Warren Clark and our Current Fellows, and current director [Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon](#)

3:30pm Session 7 | The Future is Now: Creativity and Collaboration in Human Rights Organizing

This panel includes leading writers, analysts, and activists in the D.C. area and beyond, who will discuss how grassroots organizing for Palestinian rights is increasingly informed by the intersection of other rights-based movements, cultural leaders, and a rich history of social justice activism. Panelists include [Rosita "Mike" Abel](#), a Palestinian-American who currently serves on the board of Delaware Churches for Middle East Peace and is the co-founder of DelPHR (Delawareans for Palestinian Human Rights); [Phyllis Bennis](#), director the New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies; and [Dave Zirin](#), sports editor at the Nation Magazine and a columnist for The Progressive.

5pm: End Day 2

5pm *Optional Advocacy Training with Kyle Cristofalo, CMEP's Director of Advocacy and Government Relations*

This time is beneficial if this is your first time lobbying or you would like some time to go through materials before the full lobby training on Tuesday.

TUESDAY

8:30am Doors Open

9am Advocacy Training

10:15am Advocacy Group Time

11am-4pm Hill Meetings

**12-2pm: Pre-ordered boxed lunches available for pick up*

4:30pm Session 8 | Closing Prayer Service with [Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb](#) on the National Mall

5pm: Summit Ends