



June 2017 Palestine Nature and Peace Studies Tour with Mazin Qumsiyeh, PhD

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Saturday, July 1, 2017

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814

**What are the plants and animals of the Holy Land? What environmental threats face them, and how can one help?
What does a Palestinian Christian have to say about conflict resolution, Islam, and Islamophobia?**

Professor Qumsiyeh will present on these topics to various audiences during his tour of the United States.

He received the 2011 Social Courage Award from the Peace and Justice Studies Association at the Christian Brothers University in Tennessee.

He is the author of *The Bats of Egypt*, *Mammals of the Holy Land*, *Sharing the Land of Canaan*, and more than 130 research papers.

After a career in the U.S. on the faculties of the University of Tennessee, Duke, and Yale, Professor Qumsiyeh teaches science and conflict resolution and does research at Bethlehem and Birzeit Universities in the occupied Palestinian territories. At Bethlehem University, a Catholic co-educational institution serving Christian and Muslim students, he is director of the Palestine Museum of Natural History and the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity Research.

On this tour he will exchange knowledge with diverse organizations. He will meet with local nature and environmental groups about the work of founding a natural history museum in a third-world setting and initiatives to educate Palestinian school children and university students about recycling, up-cycling, composting, sustainability, and nature conservation. He will also appear in community, academic, and faith-based settings to share conflict resolution experiences, and to offer a Palestinian Christian perspective on Islam and against Islamophobia.

For more information, see the museum website at <https://www.palestinenature.org/programs/>.

His books are available through the University of Chicago Press in bulk, or individually on Amazon.

