

Every month since February 1987 the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation has produced one-hour TV programs on issues related to peace, social justice, economics, the environment, and nonviolence.

The Olympia FOR's program airs several times every week for the entire month on Thurston Community Television (TCTV), channel 22 for Thurston County's cable TV subscribers. You can see TCTV's schedule at www.tctv.net.

You can also watch the program described below (and more than 90 of our previous interview programs and special programs) at the Olympia FOR's website, www.olympiafor.org. Simply click the TV programs link to reach www.olympiafor.org/tv_programs.htm, scroll down, and click the program you want to watch.

Many of our website's TV program listings also include a .pdf document describing the program.

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"ITTP CRACKS THE CYCLE OF TRAUMA IN WORLD CONFLICTS"

Wars and violent conflict occur in many places throughout the world. Also, torture occurs more often and in more places than ordinary people might assume. Experiencing any of these can traumatize a person, so a great many persons around the world have been traumatized by torture, war, or violent conflicts.

What do traumatized persons need in order to recover?

How can we support practitioners who are providing treatment for this trauma?

The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's February 2013 TV program explores these concerns. Our two guests have worked extensively in this field:

- **John Van Eenwyk** is an Episcopal priest and a Ph.D. clinical psychologist. He founded the International Trauma Treatment Program (ITTP), which is based in Olympia WA, and has long served as ITTP's Clinical Director.
- **Ayman Nijim** is a mental health practitioner from Gaza, Palestine, where he focuses especially on helping children who have been traumatized by the extreme and persistent violence that Palestinians have been suffering for many years. He visited the U.S. for the first time in 2012 to take two months of further training with ITTP in Olympia.

Some of the world's harsh realities can feel overwhelming. We are grateful to Ayman Nijim, John

Van Eenwyk, and other people who are working hard to deal constructively with the world's problems.

We appreciate the work of the International Trauma Treatment Program, which is based in Olympia and does amazingly high quality work here and on other parts of the world. Please visit www.ittp.org and support their work.

Our interview discusses the extent and dynamics of wars and other violent conflicts that cause trauma, how traumatized people suffer, and what they need for recovery.

We provide an overview of the realities in Gaza, the trauma suffered by Gaza's traumatized children, and ways to help traumatized children recover.

We discuss the extent and variety of trauma treatment services around the world, and what kinds of services work best. The Olympia-based International Trauma Treatment Program (ITTP) approaches this work with special insights and sensitivities, so it has worked more effectively than many typical organizations and agencies. We discuss ITTP's origins and accomplishments, and the training ITTP conducts in Olympia.

ITTP relies almost entirely on voluntary donations from people in the Olympia area. For more information – or to provide financial support – you can contact the International Trauma Treatment Program (ITTP), 1026 State Avenue NE, Olympia WA 98506 (360) 352-2974 www.ittp.org