

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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"LET'S MEET OUR ARAB NEIGHBORS"

by GLEN ANDERSON, PRODUCER AND HOST OF THIS TV SERIES

Every part of the whole world is interconnected in many ways. We are all part of one human family.

But most Americans do not know enough about Arab culture, and most Americans don't have enough friends from countries in the Arab world. If we did, we would be more likely to make peace instead of war.

The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's September TV program is an enjoyable conversation with people whose roots are in different countries within the Arab world. We'll learn something of Arab culture. And we'll sow the seeds of peace. Our three guests are Farihan Bushnaq, Amirah Ziada, and Nader Bushnaq.

Farihan Bushnaq has roots in Palestine. Her grandfather came from Turkey. She has been active in the Olympia community for a number of years. She initiated the proposal for the Olympia Arab Fest 2012, which the Rachel Corrie Foundation is holding on October 6.

Amirah Ziada is multi-cultural. Her father came from Egypt, and her mother came from Venezuela. She attended The Evergreen State

College and has participated in local events through the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice.

Nader Bushnaq's family comes from Palestine, but he has lived in the United Arab Emirates all his life. He grew up there with friends from many different nationalities. Currently he is studying business at St. Martin's University, where some relatives had attended before.

This program also enthusiastically promotes "Olympia Arab Fest 2012," which the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice is organizing for Saturday October 7. For information, please contact the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice, which is based in Olympia, at (360) 754-3998. Their website is www.RachelCorrieFoundation.org

At the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's peace vigils, one of the signs we often hold says, "All people are one human family." The US would be better off as a nation if we had better understanding and appreciation for other cultures, including Arab cultures.