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Date: 28-Feb-2008; Time: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Room: Church Center - 10th Fl. United Nations
Church Center, 777 UN Plaza 44th St & First Ave, NYC, NY 10017

■ **Moderator**

■ **Mrs. Salwa Kader**

Mrs. Kader is the President of the US Federation for Middle East Peace and a noted expert and advocate on women's issues. She has lectured on topics including cross-civilization dialogue, human rights, human trafficking, interfaith dialogue, children's rights and Muslim Women's issues. She has spoken at the UN headquarters, across the continental US, in Europe and throughout the Middle East to a wide variety of audiences. She has received numerous international awards for her peace initiatives and activities towards reconciliation in the Middle East. She has organized, hosted and participated in many conferences at the UN and worldwide. Her focus is on increasing the role and participation of women in the peace process.

■ **Speakers**

■ **Dr. Diane Marie Steele**

Dr. Steele is the President of the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas. She has a Ph.D in Systematic Theology from the University of Notre Dame. Some of the Courses she has taught includes: Images of Jesus, Intro to the Bible, Intro to God and the Human Story, Mentoring in Pastoral Ministry and application in Pastoral Ministry.

■ **Ms. Houda Abadi**

Ms. Abadi is the Director of Unity Programs at Abraham's Vision; a conflict transformation organization that works with Muslim, Jewish, Palestinian, and Israeli communities in the US. She graduated with a Master's degree from the Whitehead School of Diplomacy at Seton Hall University, majoring in International Relations with a focus in Conflict Resolution and Negotiation.

■ **Kathleen Peratis**

Ms. Peratis graduated with a J.D. from The University of Southern California Law School. She is a member of the Human Rights Watch delegation to the World Conference Against Racism. She also has many publications and papers, is a member of the Board of directors for Human Rights Watch, a member of American Bar association, and has been admitted to the Bar of the city of New York.

■ **June Jacobs**

Ms. Jacobs is the former President of the ICJW, A founder and executive member of the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East and the chair of the UK branch. She is a founding member of the Jewish Palestinian dialogue group in the UK. She is also a founder and the first chair of the National Council for Soviet Jews.

■ **Soad Hammad Smiej**

Mrs. Soad Hammad Smiet who is from Morocco, is in charge of the Commission of External Relations of the National Union of Moroccan Women, Minister Penitentiary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Director of Training and Social Affairs.

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