

HANDS OF PEACE



Dear Friend,

We're now in the third week of the four-week **Summer Program Launchpad (SPL)**. The sessions are powerful and thoughtful. The teens, ages 15-18, continue to explore their narratives as they look forward to meet the other delegates in person at the **Summer Program in Chicago and San Diego, July 6-25, 2022**.

Shahar, Jewish-Israeli Delegation:

"What I learned during Summer Program Launchpad is that this conflict is not black and white. That's a big thing to learn, that there's not one side that's wrong and another side that's right. And this will really help me next summer."

Rana Haddad, Palestinian Citizens of Israel Regional Manager:

"The facilitators of the PCI delegation say the sessions are enriching, going far beyond their expectations. Participants are discussing their role in the conflict and challenging each other. Each of them bring their own unique identity to dialogue, reflecting on power and racism. They are already asking questions about how they will express these thoughts when they join the other delegations next summer."



Many of our participants have received their purple shirts and are proudly wearing them to their Zoom sessions. We are all looking forward to seeing those purple shirts get off the buses in Chicago and San Diego next year. SPL participants: if you haven't done so already, send us your picture wearing your purple shirts to include in a Closing Ceremony photo gallery.



If you haven't already, it's time to get your ticket for the **Hands of Peace Closing Ceremony**, Sunday, August 1, 2021, 9pm I/P / 1pm CT / 11am PT, celebrating the participants of Summer Program Launchpad.

Join your Hands of Peace community in Chicago at Glenview Park Center or in San Diego at The Grauer School in Encinitas. Or join online where you can watch at home from your computer or laptop. Site Director Alicen Roberts will be in Chicago and I will be in San Diego to meet you.

Go here for tickets to Closing Ceremony. SPL participants can register for free.

Updated Program Schedules:

[Palestinian Delegation](#)

[Jewish-Israeli Delegation](#)

[Palestinian Citizens of Israel Delegation](#)

[American Delegation](#)

And finally, a special welcome to the Hands of Peace family our Hands of Peace Leadership Council were recorded recently for you! Click on the link below to enjoy!

Peace, Salaam, Shalom,

Handwritten signature of Scott Rasmussen.

Scott Rasmussen
Hands of Peace
Executive Director



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