



We Declare Peace: An Introduction to Peaceology

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House of Hope

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Elias Jabbour on Peacemaking

Picking up where his previous work left off, this new volume will provide an introduction to the science of peace building from the perspective of the author's sixty years in the Middle East. Anticipated for publication in 2010, the working title is *We Declare Peace: An Introduction to Peaceology*. Editorial assistance is being provided by CRT communications liaison Matthew Lakenbach.

Elias Jabbour is internationally known for his work in peace and reconciliation. He is founder and director of the House of Hope in Shefar'Am, Israel (Shefa-Amer in Arabic). The House of Hope is the first Arab-initiated international peace center in the Galilee.



Jabbour is a Christian Arab with family roots that go back 2,000 years in what is now northern Israel, and he has a lifetime of experience with war, conflict, and peacemaking. He has a unique ability to embody the wisdom of his ancestors in a way that is accessible to Western audiences. He has spoken and taught widely in the United States and Europe as well as the Middle East. Jabbour's previous book, *Sulha: Palestinian*

Traditional Peacemaking Process was first published in 1993 and was reissued in 1996. It has been widely used in as a text in academic and training programs in conflict management, alternative dispute resolution and peace building.

We Declare Peace: An Introduction to Peaceology will address the following topics:

- The relationship between peace and a wide variety of social problems, including environmental degradation, terrorism, and technology
- The author's philosophy and approach to peace building
- History and experience bringing Palestinians and Israelis together at the House of Hope – anecdotes that demonstrate peacemaking in action
- Arab wisdom tales that demonstrate how traditional peacemaking knowledge and skills were transmitted from generation to generation
- The relationship between traditional Arab wisdom and current research
- Overcoming fear, despair and greed as key to peace building
- A new framework for a comprehensive study of peace building