'Soundings'-An Irregular Seminar Series offered by Coracle and partners

The "Soundings" seminar series are times set aside to consider together topics that are important for our society, for the Church, and for our own spiritual journeys. To 'take a sounding' is a nautical term about using depth to determine where you are and where you're going. These seminars are designed to help us do just that.

"Towards Peace in the Holy Land" **Tuesday, May 19, 7.30pm-9.15pm** with Bill Haley & Todd Deatherage & David Hanke at Restoration Anglican in Arlington, VA

It's one of the most important, complex, long-running, explosive, and polarizing conflicts in the world. And it's one of the least understood in America.

For almost 70 years now the Holy Land has been home to very complicated relations between Israelis and Palestinians, between Jews, Muslims, and Christians, all of whom call that same land home. Their ongoing conflict continues to serve as one of several destabilizing issues in a volatile and turbulent Middle East, and its perpetuation undermines vital US interests while also reverberating far outside the borders of this small slice of land that joins Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Many Americans, including American Christians, have strong opinions on what should be done in the Holy Land, with significant impact on US foreign policy in the region. Ironically though, most have never been there, and many of us feel rightly confused about all the players, history, and issues.

So what's a Christian in America to do in order to approach this situation wisely, prayerfully, Christianly, and in a way that actually makes for peace? How does one pursue paths forward that are pro-Israel, pro-Palestine, pro-American, and propeace? **'Sou-n-ding-s':** a nautical term; using depth to determine where you are and where you're going; refers to navigating on a journey

This **"Soundings Seminar"** in northern Virginia is offered in order to understand contemporary issues in the Holy Land. We're doing this in partnership with the <u>Telos Group</u> and hosted at <u>Restoration Anglican Church</u> in Arlington.

But even more so, it's a chance to get a primer on the conflict itself with a superb overview offered by Todd Deatherage, Executive Director of the Telos Group, who is also a member of The Falls Church Anglican. The Rev's David Hanke and Bill Haley will also share.

We hope you'll come out for this very special and important offering. Donations to Coracle are very much appreciated and will be collected that evening and shared with the Telos Group. <u>Email us</u> if you need information, and feel free to invite others. RSVP at <u>here</u> or just show up!

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