

Ecumenical Peace Institute

Autumn Gathering



Sunday, October 1, 2023

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Hybrid Event

In Person at St. John's Presbyterian Church: 2727 College, Berkeley
Or Via Zoom: Register at our [website](#) for the link.

What do you know about Western Sahara?

Sultana Khaya & Salka Barca: Nonviolently Resisting Rape and Genocide

Sultana Khaya is a human rights defender demanding independence for the Saharawi people and advocating for the end of violence against Saharawi women. She is president of the Saharawi League for the Defense of Human Rights and the Protection of Western Sahara's Natural Resources in occupied Boujdour, Western Sahara, and a member of the Saharawi Commission against the Moroccan occupation (ISACOM). Khaya was nominated for the Sakharov Prize, winner of the Esther Garcia Award, and awarded the [Individual War](#)



[Abolisher Award of 2023](#) from World Beyond War. As a committed and courageous nonviolent activist, she has been targeted by Morocco. She has been abducted, beaten, and tortured. She has become a symbol of courage and a source of inspiration for Saharawi independence.

Salka Barca is a Saharawi-American nonviolent activist. She was born in El-Ayoune, the capital of Western Sahara, grew up in a refugee camp in Algeria, and obtained her education in Libya, Algeria, and the United States. Ms. Barca is a linguist and a legal/medical interpreter/translator. Barca advocates nationally for the prevention of violence against women and human trafficking. She is co-founder of Karama Sahara, an NGO advocating human rights and self-determination for Western Sahara. After 43 years in exile, Salka returned to her birthplace in 2018, and again in 2022 and witnessed Moroccan brutality against the Saharawi people.

Directions for those who wish to attend in person:

PLEASE CALL (510) 990-0374 to let us know you are coming.
St. John's Presbyterian is at 2727 College Ave.
Between Garber St. & Forest Ave., three blocks north of Ashby.
Underground parking with elevator, enter from Garber.
Wheelchair ramp on Garber.
AC Transit: 51B bus runs from Rockridge BART on College to downtown Berkeley.

For those who wish to attend via Zoom:

PLEASE REGISTER on our [website](#) to get the Zoom link.

Suggested donation \$15-\$50
(mail check: PO Box 9334, Berkeley, CA 94709
Or use PayPal or pay at the door.)

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