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**CELEBRATE International Women's Day at Busboys and Poets!
Book Signing with Patricia Smith Melton
Author of *Sixty Years, Sixty Voices: Israeli and Palestinian Women***

EVENT: Book signing for *Sixty Years, Sixty Voices: Israeli and Palestinian Women*; dialogue with global women of the women-led antiwar movement Code Pink

WHERE: 2021 14th Street (14th and V), DC; 202 387 7638

WHEN: International Women's Day, Monday, March 8

TIME: 8:00 – 10:00 pm

International Women's Day will be celebrated at Busboys and Poets, DC's dynamic bookstore, restaurant, and hot spot for social consciousness, on Monday, March 8. Launched by a book signing by Patricia Smith Melton for *Sixty Years, Sixty Voices: Israeli and Palestinian Women*, the event also includes a guided dialogue on the question "Peace, do women do it better?" Global women activists and the audience will focus on the work of women in the Middle East. Arriving on the scene from a day of lobbying on Capitol Hill will be members of the women-led peace movement Code Pink and its co-founder Medea Benjamin, an icon of nonviolent anti-war activism.

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day of women's power with marches, actions, and gatherings to celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women, past, present, and future. Begun in 1911, IWD is growing rapidly in the United States as a day to focus on the necessity that women's voices be heard in policy decisions at all levels of society. A national holiday in many nations including China and Russia, IWD celebrates the worldwide women-led international movement for equality and lives of hope.

Patricia Smith Melton is the founder of Peace X Peace, a cross-cultural e-media social network now in more than 120 nations, connecting women and their ideas for understanding and action. Smith Melton was the interviewer, editor, and photographer of *Sixty Years, Sixty Voices*. This stunning book spotlights 30 Palestinian and 30 Israeli women from every walk of life, illuminating their deepest feelings, visions, and hopes for peace along with practical approaches they use to make peace a reality in their lives in this war-torn area. The book is the first to include Israeli and Palestinian women's voices equally and is printed in English, Arabic, and Hebrew. The website is www.60voices.org. The website for Peace X Peace is www.peacexpeace.org.

Medea Benjamin is cofounder of the women-led peace group CODEPINK, which works to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, promote peace in the Middle East, and redirect resources into healthcare, education, green jobs, and other life-affirming activities. CODEPINK rejects foreign policies based on domination and aggression, and instead calls for policies based on diplomacy, compassion, and a commitment to international law. The website is www.codepink.org.

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