

PIN Bulletin For Local Organizers

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***Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?***



Who are your deputies to General Convention?

It's time to reach out, share information and find allies.



Looking for ways to communicate PIN's message and goals?

In many dioceses, deputies meet for team-building sessions. Ask for time to share materials and speak at a session.

Consider a "Message to Deputies," with links, in your online diocesan newsletter.

Ask a deputy or two to meet for coffee. Send an information packet

electronically before hand. Direct them to PIN's [website](#). Consider printing several of PIN's postcard images to share (see below).

Follow this [link](#) for specific website resources to share with deputies:

**** Summary of Episcopal Church Policy on Palestine-Israel**

**** PIN's short position papers on such topics as freedom to boycott, disappearing church in the Holy Land, Christian Zionism defined, Israel's blockade of Gaza (very pertinent at this moment of crisis).**

**** A BDS primer, including its origins & history, with a link to PIN's endorsement of the nonviolent movement for change in Israel.**

**** Longer essays on "Where PIN Stands," such as this timely [article](#), an eyewitness PIN account of the effects of the Israeli blockade on Gaza hospitals, such as Al-Ahli and Nasser, in 2020 -- hospitals now bombed & devastated by IDF ground assault.**

A Bombed Out Hospital Room, Nasser Hospital, Khan Younis



SHARE PIN's RESOLUTION TOPICS WITH DEPUTIES
Ask for feedback & support.

On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land

Recommends that Holy Land pilgrims engage the contemporary realities in Palestine and Israel and include encounters with the conditions and with Palestinians in particular in their travel.

Condition U.S. Military Assistance to Israel

Applies Resolution 2022-D024 that calls for conditioning aid and arms sales to prevent use in warfare, conflict or violating human rights to Israel and calls for support from OGR and EPPN.

Express Solidarity with Palestinians as an Indigenous People

Recognize Palestinians as an indigenous people and apply the demands of Resolution 2012-A131 accordingly.

A Call for Ending Apartheid Against Palestinians: New Version

To complement the three resolutions referred from GC80. References the reports of HRW, Amnesty International, and B'Tselem, calls on GC to join other churches in naming apartheid, and calls on OGR to make ending apartheid a priority policy.

Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism

Defines Christian Zionism, references its role in furthering Israel's anti-Palestinian policies, affirms Resolution 2022-A216 against extremist groups, and calls on OGR to oppose tax exemptions for Christian Zionist organizations.

Solidarity with the Palestinian Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions Movement

The BDS campaign is legitimate, non-violent, consistent with TEC policy, and conforms with the 2009 Kairos Palestine statement

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

ISRAEL'S APARTHEID AGAINST
Palestinians

READ MORE

Human Rights Watch &
Amnesty International Agree
Israel is an Apartheid State

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

A Threshold Crossed
Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution

PALESTINE ISRAEL NETWORK
EPISCOPAL PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Here's another timely image designed for downloading inposter or postcard formats, the latter useful for web presentation. We continue to introduce these images in the Bulletin on behalf of PIN's Ad Hoc Travel Group. Anyone interested in viewing more images can email PIN at epfpin@epfnational.org. We can send the files as email attachments or arrange a pick up via dropbox. The images can be used on parish bulletin boards, in worship bulletins, newsletters, etc.

Report from EPF Maine :

Advocating for Palestine at the Parish Level

Wendy Love, M.D.; Christopher Anderson, Ph. D (cand.); and Rich Pitre (Ph.D. Cand.), experienced professionals with on-the-ground experience in Palestine/Israel are offering live/Zoom presentations in parishes on the deep history and current reality of the situation in West Asia which they will supplement with eye witness accounts, personal photographs, and open discussion.

You can listen in to the Jan. 7 program at St. Luke's Palestine-Israel Forum. The actual presentation starts at about the 20 min mark - when Fr. Balicki comes on screen.

Recording-1(1.65 GB)

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Here are several documents shared with participants in the program:

"Deep history of the seizure of Palestine"

"Zionism - Palestine Bibliography"

"Links to articles : current situation and historical background"

Contact Rich Petrie for links to these documents:

bluecollarplato@smccme.edu

EPF Maine member Gary Zartarian shares another way to influence public opinion on behalf of Palestinian human rights > write an opinion piece for your local paper. His opinion piece is aimed at an uninformed public, to educate and raise awareness. It was printed in the *Portland Press Herald* on February 12.

Opinion: Unrecognized injustice for Jews and Palestinians Fuels War

<https://www.pressherald.com/?p=7265194>

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