

# ***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?*



### **ANOTHER SUGGESTION FOR LOCAL ORGANIZING**

As a PIN supporter, are you involved with local advocacy groups on behalf of human rights and freedom for Palestinians? Do you collaborate with allies

such as Jewish Voice for Peace or a BDS group or Peace Council? One effective way that PIN members can advocate locally is through collaborative electronic news letters. Here are several examples:



In San Antonio, Texas, PIN member Harry Gunkel publishes a newsletter for supporters of the area's Jewish Voice for Peace Chapter. A local artist designed the masthead for the monthly e-letter : *S.A. in Solidarity*. The newsletter promotes local events, invitations from national JVP and EPF PIN for endorsements of campaigns (such as JVP's *Deadly Exchange*) as well as film series and webinars. The recent news from on-the-ground in Palestine/Israel is highlighted. [HERE](#) is a recent edition of *S.A. in Solidarity*.

In Ithaca, N.Y., PIN member Linda Gaither publishes the bi-

weekly *News and Views* to a list-serve of 500 supporters of the Ithaca Committee for Justice in Palestine/Jewish Voice for Peace. The newsletter offers a round-up of Pal/Is news and critical commentary, along with announcements of local activist events, JVP news, and updates from Students for Justice in Palestine on the Cornell Campus. [HERE](#) is a recent edition.

List-serves are created via sign-up at sponsored local events as well as through member invitation. During the pandemic, both newsletters have proved to be a valuable mechanism for organizing and staying informed, despite social distancing. Both newsletters are produced in the MailChimp platform, which is free for smaller list-serves.



## 2020 Diocesan Convention Season is about to Launch >>> via ZOOM.

PIN advocates are submitting resolutions in three Dioceses [Chicago, Rochester, Vermont] on selected topics: *Israeli Apartheid, Rejection of the Ideology of Christian Zionism*

*and Freedom to Boycott.* PIN has created draft resolutions on these topics for submission to the next General Convention. Diocesan Resolutions that are affirmed will be forwarded as "C" resolutions to General Convention.

If your diocese has a late Fall or early 2021 Convention, it is not too late to prepare and submit resolutions. PIN is ready to share our draft resolutions, previously published in the *Bulletin*, to use as models.

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## *PIN's Palestine-Israel Tool Kit*

... a resource for answering frequently asked questions!

<https://epfnational.org/pin/palestine-israel-tool-kit/>

Is it appropriate to use the word *apartheid* for the policies of the State of Israel toward Palestinians?

*Apartheid (in South Africa) described a policy or system of segregation or discrimination on the grounds of race.*

One sign of the presence of an apartheid system is discriminatory laws. PIN's Tool Kit links to *Adalah's Discriminatory Laws Database*, an online resource listing over 65 Israeli laws that discriminate, on the basis of national belonging, directly or indirectly against Palestinian citizens of Israel and/or Palestinian residents of the Occupied Territories.

**These laws limit the rights of Palestinians in all areas of life, from citizenship rights to the right to political participation, land and housing rights, education rights, cultural and language rights, religious rights, and due process rights during detention. Some of the laws also discriminate against other groups such as gays, non-religious Jews, and Palestinian refugees. Separate laws for separate groups. Part of a system of separation and discrimination.**

Visit the PIN Tool Kit for links to *Adalah* and other resources.



**Witness Palestine Film Series  
Is Online This Fall!  
October 4 – November 3, 2020**

*The Rochester Witness for Palestine* is presenting the ninth annual Witness Palestine Film Festival. The festival includes four programs, all of which will be available online at no charge. Each program consists of a movie and an online discussion with a person connected with the film. The films offer a variety of perspectives, documenting a history of physical and cultural dispossession and the inspiring resilience of an indigenous people committed to self-determination. Film titles, dates, registration information, synopses of the films, and other details may be found at [WitnessPalestineRochester.org](http://WitnessPalestineRochester.org).

Tom Foster, a member of PIN's Steering Committee, is an organizer with *Rochester Witness for Palestine* ([rw4p.org](http://rw4p.org)). Tom describes the group as comprised of volunteers who study, speak, and act in solidarity with the people of Palestine. Living now as refugees, under occupation, or suffering extreme hardships imposed by a harsh blockade, their stories – their history, their culture, their cries for justice – are rarely told in the US. We seek to give voice to these stories.

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