

# ***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?*



## **PIN Launches a New Web Resource:**

### **Traveling to the Holy Land: Following in the Foot Steps of Jesus**

**PIN's new website travel page offers practical tips for a Holy Land visit that will not only fulfill your dreams, but also guarantee a transformative experience via personal encounters.**

***Imagine yourself on the steps outside Damascus Gate, like the PIN travelers pictured here, learning about the situation in Jerusalem with Fayrouz Sharqawi of Grassroots Jerusalem. Or engaging in conversations with Palestinian Episcopal leaders like the Rev Fadi Diab, St Andrew's Church, in the West Bank city of Ramallah.***



PIN's travel resources include not only the new [webpage](#) but also an accompanying brochure which will soon be available in printed format. The brochure is a user-friendly overview of the webpage. **Here is a taste of the brochure:**

*As you consider both the ancient and modern histories of this remarkable place, how can you best experience the vital, living witness of Jesus' presence, as well as enjoy those special historical sites? There are several ways:*

***Encounter Palestinians.*** Meet and know the indigenous Palestinian people in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Attend a church service and learn about the lives of modern Christians in the Holy Land.

***Visit the Institutions of the Diocese of Jerusalem.*** Visit the churches, schools, health care facilities and guesthouses throughout Israel and the Palestinian territories. Learn about the work they are doing and the challenges and rewards of working in a place of "conflict".

***Walk in Jesus' Footsteps.*** With the similarities of today's Holy Land to Jesus' own time, it is important to trace the steps that he might have taken in the course of his ministry. Visit a refugee camp. Each camp has visitor centers where you are welcome to meet the residents and hear their stories. There are three camps in Bethlehem: Aida, Dheisheh, and Beit Jibrin. Visit the West Bank and learn what life is like under occupation and military control, just as it was for Jesus. Arrange a half-day tour in the ancient city of Hebron and learn about Jewish settlements. The Diocese of Jerusalem has churches and hospitals in Ramallah, Nablus, and Zebabdeh where you will be enthusiastically and graciously welcomed to learn about their work and ministries

The day will come when the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic is a thing of history and we will be able to return to Palestine. In steadfast preparation for that

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS  
OF JESUS:  
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LAND TRAVEL**



*Walking along the Sea of Galilee*

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time, PIN has developed these new travel resources to guide your planning.

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**SEEING THROUGH THE WALL:  
MEETING OURSELVES IN  
PALESTINE AND ISRAEL**

**Streaming: Oct 18-27, 2020**

**Online Discussion: Sunday Oct 25 @ 7:00 pm EDT**

[View Trailer](#)

[Register for this program \(no charge\)](#)

**Here's a good alternative to travel to Palestine during Covid-19. This documentary shows "an experience or an encounter" not a tour. In 2016, a rabbi invited a group of Americans to join him on a trip to introduce them to Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories**

and East Jerusalem. They "see" through the Wall.

**Stops include:**

- **Physicians for Human Rights**
- **A clinic**
- **Silwan for view of the destruction in the interest of archeology**
- **Youth at Risk**
- **Parent's Circle**
- **Aida refugee camp**
- **Sheikh Jarrah, East Jerusalem**



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