

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



## ***PIN Bulletin for Local Organizers***

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### **PIN's Top Priority in 2020: Visit your Bishop! Build a relationship with your diocese's General Convention Deputation.**



The 80th General Convention (July, 2021) is comin' at us! PIN leadership has already rented 'strategic headquarters' within walking distance of the Baltimore Convention Center. Activists are crafting Palestine/Israel resolutions in multiple dioceses with Convention in mind. One of the most important things PIN activists can do in 2020 is to build relationships and offer resources in our dioceses.

#### *How can we influence bishops on behalf of justice for Palestinians?*

PIN leaders did wild/woolly brainstorming at our 2019 retreat:  
\* take your Bp. to lunch; \*sponsor your Bp. on a trip to the West Bank & Gaza; \*honor your Bp. for social justice leadership; \*invite your Bp. to see parallels between rights violations at U.S. southern border and Palestine; \*invite a Palestinian or JVP advocate to visit your bishop with you; \* educate your bishop's staff; \*try a friendly sit-in at diocesan office, offering Palestinian olive oil and dipping bread, along with PIN handouts.

What might work or has worked in your diocese? Please share your experiences via the *Bulletin*. We want to hear from you.

## What about resources to share with Bishops & Deputations?

PIN Local Organizing and Education Work Groups are currently producing a set of one-page information flyers on 'hot topics':

- 40 years of Episcopal Church policy on Palestine - Israel
- Christian Zionism and U.S. Foreign Policy
- Israel's Nation State law : Jim Crow & Apartheid parallels
- Extending our church's Global Human Rights Screen and No-buy List to diocesan investments
- The Right to Boycott and the growing attack on Free Speech



The flyers, which will be shared via the *Bulletin*, supplement materials in the **PIN Toolkit**. For example: an excellent way to engage your bishop may be to present a face-to-face update on Betty McCollum's bill, H.R. 2407, *PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR PALESTINIAN CHILDREN LIVING UNDER ISRAELI MILITARY OCCUPATION ACT*. Visit the [Toolkit](#)

for links to the *No Way to Treat A Child Campaign*. Invite your bishop to become a citizen co-sponsor.

Let's engage with our TEC leadership for peace with justice!

## Winter Time is Film Time



Would you like to schedule an educational film for your parish or G.C. deputation but don't know what to choose or where to start? Here are three recommendations from our friends at *Voices from the Holy Land*:

**Five Broken Cameras** - 90 min. When his fourth son, Gibreel, is born, Emad, a Palestinian villager, gets his first camera. In his village, Bil'in, a separation barrier is being built and the villagers start to resist this decision. For more than five years, Emad films the struggle, which is led by two of his best friends, alongside filming how Gibreel grows. Very soon it affects his family and his own life. Daily arrests and night raids scare his family; his friends, brothers and himself are either shot or arrested. One Camera after another is shot at or smashed, each camera tells a part of his story.

**Checkpoint** - 80 min. Documentary filmmaker Yoav Shamir's depiction of the checkpoints that the Israel Defense Forces operate in the West Bank.

**Occupation Has No Future** - 84 min. Through conversations with

Israeli conscientious objectors, former soldiers, and Palestinians living under occupation, Occupation Has No Future creates a survey of the current atmosphere in Israel and the West Bank. The film explores the Israeli social environment that creates heightened militarism and leads to fear and aggression. Also examined are the consequences of Israeli policies for the Palestinian people as well as for Israeli civil society. Additionally, this documentary looks at the Israeli anti-militarist movement and Israeli youth refusing conscription, refusing orders, and partnering with a growing grassroots Palestinian campaign of civil disobedience against the occupation.

All of these films and many other titles can be borrowed free of charge at <https://www.voicesfromtheholylnd.org/> Get in touch!

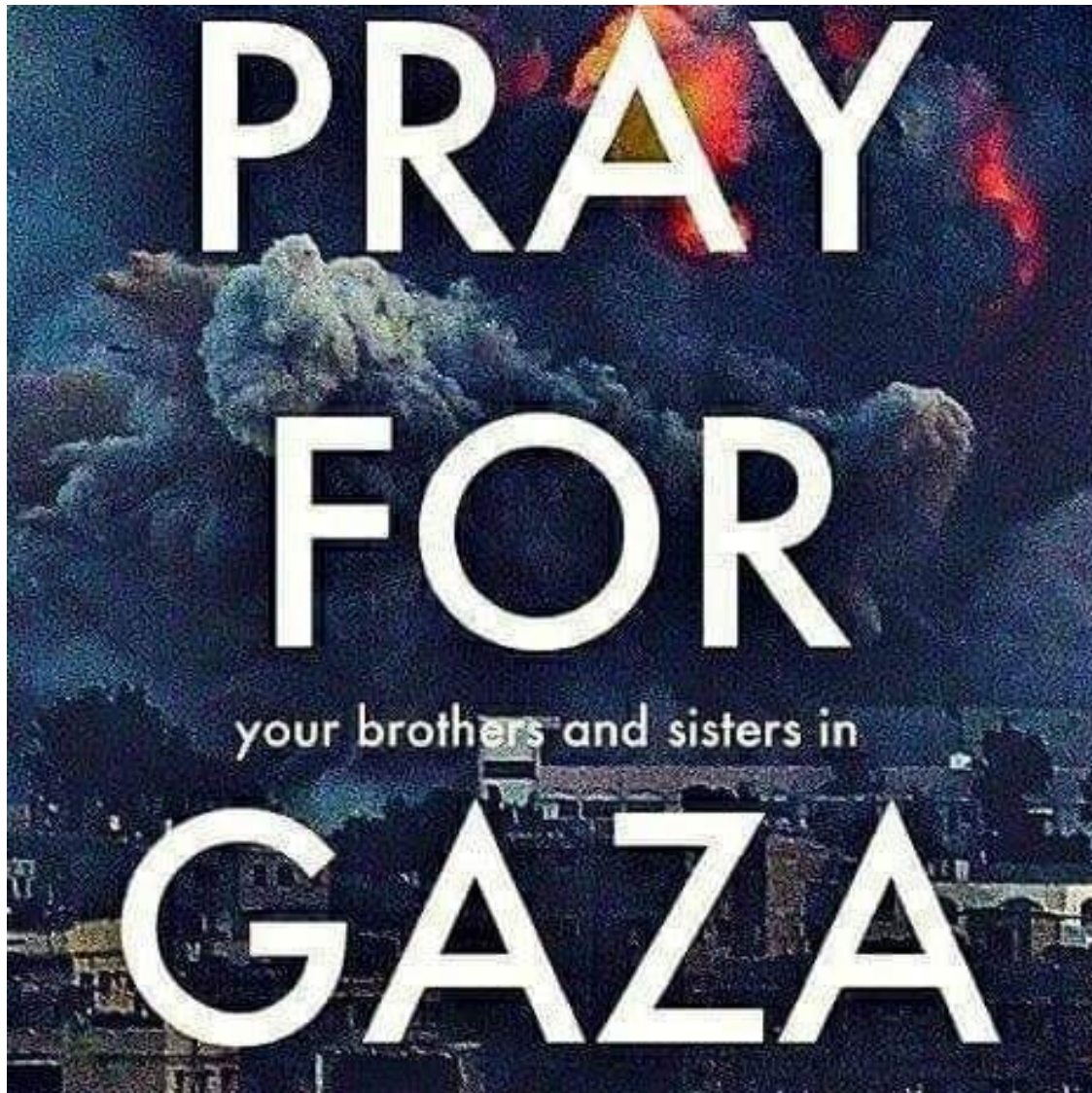
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IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?  
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On Jan. 18, Israeli aircraft carried out a fresh round of airstrikes against targets in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. This action followed an attack by Israeli warplanes the previous day, targeting a number of areas in the coastal enclave.

The Israeli military said that a combat helicopter attacked infrastructure used by Hamas late on Thursday. The statement added that the attack was conducted after two balloons with explosives were flown from the Gaza Strip into Israeli-occupied territories earlier in the day.

[HERE](#) is the report from the *International Middle East Media Center*.

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