

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 Activists in the Dioceses of Olympia and Chicago have Organized Stimulating Fall Educational Programs!



In the Diocese of Olympia:

"Doing Justice: Israel/Palestine"

As we seek to fulfill our baptismal covenant to seek justice and peace among all people, the Bishop's Committee for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land* will present a full day seminar "Doing Justice: Israel/Palestine" on **Saturday, November 13** in Bloedel Hall at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, WA. , beginning at 9:30 a.m. P.T.

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Beginning at 9:30 a.m., "Doing Justice: Israel/Palestine" will be livestreamed and recorded. Reservations can be made online through Eventbrite [LOOK FOR THE LINK IN THE OCTOBER *BULLETIN!*] in-person registration will begin at 9 a.m. In the event that Covid restrictions rule out a live event, alternate plans for a remote conference are being made.

This seminar will address the current conditions facing Palestinians living under Israel's military occupation, with a special focus on the many discriminatory Israeli laws that codify unequal human rights and the dispossession and subjugation of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza. The seminar will also examine how policies that give unqualified moral support and economic aid to Israel make the US complicit in human rights violations and offer effective ways and means to advocate for equality for the Palestinian people.

Speaking to these issues will be **Brian Baird, Ph.D**, former member of the US House of Representatives, clinical psychologist, author and educator with a special interest in teaching ethical government; **Mark Braverman, Ph.D**, director of Kairos, USA and author of *Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land*, Mark is a member of American Jews for Just Peace; **Cindy Corrie**, founder of the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice and mother of Rachel, a 23 year old peace activist crushed to death by an Israeli bulldozer in Gaza; **John McKay, JD**, currently teaching Constitutional and National Security Law at Seattle University School of Law, John spent three years helping Palestinian officials develop an effective legal system and is a former US Attorney for Western Washington; **Alice Rothchild, MD**, retired Harvard medical school professor and advocate for human rights and social justice, author of "Condition Critical: Life and Death in Israel/Palestine," and member of the steering committee of Jewish Voice for Peace Health Advisory Council and board of Gaza Mental Health Foundation; **Lena Khalid Tuffaha**, Palestinian American, spokesperson for the Seattle Chapter of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and co-founder of the Institute for Middle East Understanding. Her book "Water & Salt" won the 2018 Washington State Book Award for Poetry.

*The Bishop's Committee of the Diocese of Olympia was founded in 2000 to raise awareness and facilitate understanding of the challenges facing all who live in the Holy Land, including our Episcopal companions in the Diocese of Jerusalem as they struggle to maintain a Christian presence under progressively oppressive conditions imposed by the Israeli occupation.

In the Diocese of Chicago:

Seeking Truth and Justice in Palestine/Israel

You are invited to a series of talks in-person and live-streamed hosted by **St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church**
1424 N. Dearborn Pkwy.,
Chicago 60610.
(Street and garage parking in vicinity)



**Thursday evenings, September 30,
October 14 and 28, and November 4,
7:00 to 8:30 pm CT**

Events in May 2021 once again focused global attention on the Holy Land, where the struggle over land and water has led to on-going abuse of human rights and loss of life and livelihood. St. Chrysostom's invites you to an introductory series of four talks that will describe the current conditions on the ground, illuminate the sources of violence, and explore

ways that we as Christians can contribute to the search for peace with justice. Discussion will follow presentations.

Registration is required at <https://bit.ly/palestineevent> to attend these sessions in person or via livestream. Those attending virtually will receive the livestream links a day or two in advance of each remaining session. Everyone who registers will receive suggestions for background resources.

***September 30: Current Conditions in Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem.* **Jehad Abusalim** is Education and Policy Associate, Palestine Activism Program, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and a PhD candidate in History and Judaic Studies, New York University. **Jennifer Bing** is Director, Palestine Activism Program, AFSC-Chicago and has held various positions with AFSC's Palestine-Israel programs since 1989. **Mai Kakish Khader** is Director of TEE Arabic Language & Culture for Children of Arab Diaspora, a board member of the Seraj Library Project, & founder/writer of Almondandfig.com.**

***October 14: A Brief History of Palestine/Israel.* **Iymen Chehade** is Lecturer on Palestine, Columbia College and School of the Art Institute-Chicago and founder of Uprising Theater, which aims to amplify voices of Palestinians and other marginalized groups.**

***October 28: A Jewish Perspective on Palestine/Israel and Zionism.* **Rabbi Brant Rosen** is Rabbi and founder of Tzedek Chicago and co-founder of the Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council.**

***November 4: How Christians Can Contribute to the Search for Peace with Justice.* **Canon Naim Ateek** is a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, co-founder of the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center-Jerusalem, and co-author of Kairos Palestine.**

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