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UPDATES ON THE 80th GENERAL CONVENTION





The Status of Resolutions: FINAL ROUND-UP

Since publication of the May *Bulletin*, legislative committees have conducted more Zoom hearings and sessions for deliberation, making final decisions on individual resolutions.

Legislative Committee 07, Social Justice and International Policy, has acted on all resolutions addressing issues related to Palestine and Israel. Four resolutions have been placed on the Consent Calendar and three resolutions have been forwarded for consideration at the 81st General Convention in 2024.

As described in the May Bulletin, the Consent Calendar [C.C.] bundles

together resolutions on which legislative committees have reached consensus. At Convention, resolutions posted to the C.C. are voted upon as a bundle rather than individually. The General Convention Office has requested that legislative committees use the C.C. wherever possible to expedite voting.

Committee 07 has placed one resolution, Regarding Anti-Semitism and Palestinian Christians, on the C.C. with "Consent to Reject." PIN organized strong testimony against this resolution, which sought to silence the Episcopal Church from voicing opposition to Israeli policy on the grounds that it is sometimes interpreted erroneously as antisemitic. This is very good news!

Three resolutions have been posted to the C.C. with "Consent to Affirm": a resolution supporting freedom of speech and the right to boycott, a resolution rejecting Christian Zionism, and a resolution sent to Convention by the Diocese of Olympia, Justice and Peace in the Holy Land – Our Call to Action. A revised version of the latter has been posted to C.C. Note that there is a provision for any resolution to be pulled from the bundle and considered separately.

Committee 07 voted to forward three resolutions addressing Israeli apartheid for consideration at the 81st General Convention. The vote acknowledged the need for floor debate in both House of Bishops and House of Deputies on the still contentious topic of naming apartheid as a reality in the State of Israel.

The General Convention Office has created an on-line Information Hub. The Hub offers links to the websites of our church's many advocacy groups who would ordinarily be meeting deputies and bishops in hallways, food courts and at booths in the Exhibit Hall. EPF is listed and PIN has submitted a request for listing.

https://www.generalconvention.org/advocacy-groups

RESOURCES FOR ACTIVISTS

"Gaza Unlocked" -- https://gazaunlocked.org/

Gaza Unlocked is a project of the American Friends Service Committee offering analysis, stories, and background information about Gaza.

"Sheikh Jarrah: Ethnic Cleansing in Jerusalem"

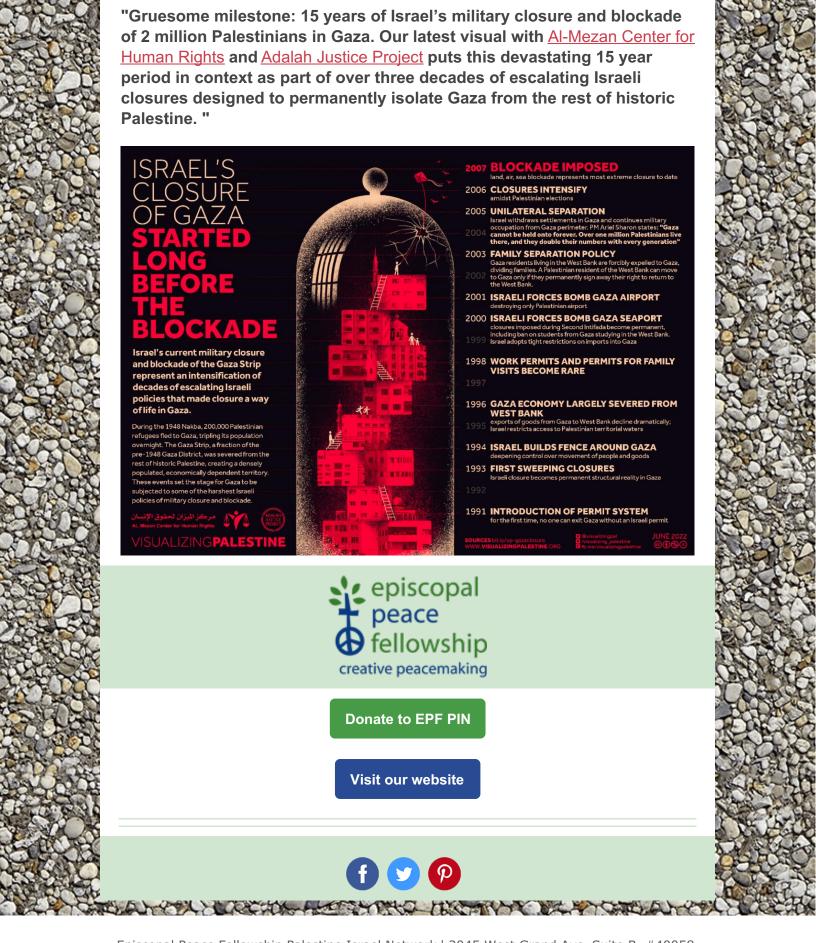
https://www.madamasr.com/en/2022/06/20/feature/politics/sheikh-jarrahethnic-cleansing-in-jerusalem/

Scroll down to access forensic architecture's simulation.

"Visualizing Palestine" -- https://www.visualizingpalestine.org/

Visualizing Palestine creates data-driven tools to advance a factual, rights-based narrative of the Palestinian-Israeli issue. Images are free to download.

Here is Visualizing Palestine's most recent image:



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