

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?*



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Working With Allies: One Way to Amplify PIN's Impact



Christian-Jewish Allies
for a Just Peace for Israel/Palestine



Kairos  **USA**

ORGANIZING FOR PALESTINE AT THE CHURCH GRASSROOTS

A Collaborative Project of EPF PIN, Christian-Jewish Allies of Philadelphia, and Kairos U.S.A.

At this moment of urgency for Palestinian human rights, three allied groups announce the launch of a joint project in the Philadelphia area. The goal is to bring the policies of The Episcopal Church, expressed in resolutions on Palestine/Israel, and the work of Global Kairos into the local church at the level of congregations. An over-arching goal is to create a collaborative model for other dioceses, denominations and advocacy groups to put into practice in various locations.

The strong legacy of Christian-Jewish Allies work among congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania made this an ideal situation for a pilot project. Over the last decade and even longer, C-J Allies have led study groups in Episcopal parishes, engaging with *Steadfast Hope*, *Why Palestine Matters: a struggle to end colonialism*, film and book discussions, and other educational approaches.

C-J Allies are now preparing teams to revisit those rectors and congregations, asking the question: Do you know where the Episcopal Church stands on Palestine/Israel? An outreach portfolio will include sets of PIN's bookmarks, introducing the 6 resolutions on Palestine/Israel affirmed at the 2018 General Convention, along with one-pagers amplifying the Church's policies. The message is simple: what can congregations do together to promote prayer, study and action focused on education and advocacy for Palestinian human rights in the Diocese of Pennsylvania? How can Episcopalians turn Church policy into local action? Indeed, how can Church policy be effectively shaped by action in parishes and dioceses?

Stay tuned for future reports on this collaborative pilot project.



ADVOCACY SUMMIT

April 20, 2023
Washington, D.C.

Join *Churches for Middle East Peace* for the first in-person Advocacy Summit since 2019, entitled:

Seeking Comprehensive Peace: Advocating for Human Rights in Israel and Palestine

Keynote speakers and panelists are from Israel/Palestine and the U.S. including Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, and Rev. Dr. Jack Sara. Participants will have the opportunity to take the stories they have heard and **advocate on behalf of human rights in Israel and Palestine with their Congressional offices on Friday, April 21**. We hope you will consider joining us for fellowship, learning, and the chance to raise your voice on Capitol Hill.

For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

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Rochester Witness for Palestine has chosen its theme for 2023:

75 Years of Nakba

Rochester Witness for Palestine is a community advocacy group known to EPF PIN for their excellent *Witness Palestine* film series.

The group chooses a yearly theme to guide their work and establish a topic for periodic reflections posted on their website. An introduction to this year's theme, written by Episcopal priest and Colgate Rochester Divinity School professor Melanie Duguid-May, is posted on the homepage [HERE](#).

The second in a series of monthly articles on 75 Years of Nakba, which is posted on the website's news page [HERE](#), is entitled the "Walled Off Hotel." It describes the experience of the writer, Mindy Shaffer, as her tour group checked in to this fully functioning Palestinian hotel and bar surrounded on two sides by graffiti-covered "security walls" and an Israeli army watchtower in plain sight. The Walled Off Hotel is a living example of the on-going Nakba or 'Catastrophe' in action.

PIN activists, choosing a yearly theme is another excellent tactic for organizing your local work. Study the Rw4p website for ideas.

A New Year's Gift from Masin Qumsiyeh:

74 Ways to Act for Peace with Justice (what YOU can do)

<http://qumsiyeh.org/whatyoucando/>

[Dr. Masin Qumsiyeh](#), founder and director of the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability of Bethlehem University, seeks to build a Human Rights Web: "***We must think globally and act locally and millions of people are doing this. We network with those "candles in the darkness" and work together (organizing).***"



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