

# *PIN Bulletin For Local Organizers*

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and respect the dignity of every human being?*



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## Turning Toward General Convention 81: Resolutions

The PIN Steering Committee has begun a process for determining the topics and strategies of resolutions PIN will support for consideration at General Convention (GC) 2024.

This month, two organizing Zooms took place. The first brought together the Steering Committee (SC) and the PIN Advisory Council (AC) made up of experienced GC legislative leaders, including Palestinian American voices. The second Zoom gathered SC with PIN Focus Group activists (All-PIN). No final decisions were made about the resolutions PIN will support, but here are **some important take-aways**:

The GC Office has confirmed that the **three deferred apartheid resolutions** supported by PIN at GC 2022 are deemed submitted to GC 2024 with no changes and will be assigned to a Legislative Committee for repeat testimony.

The **Christian Zionism** resolution was assigned by GC 2022 to the Standing Commission on Liturgy & Music for further consideration.

Other topics discussed:

Topic: **Calling on the church to endorse the BDS Movement**. This is a subject of obvious interest to PIN. It would be a true testing of the waters

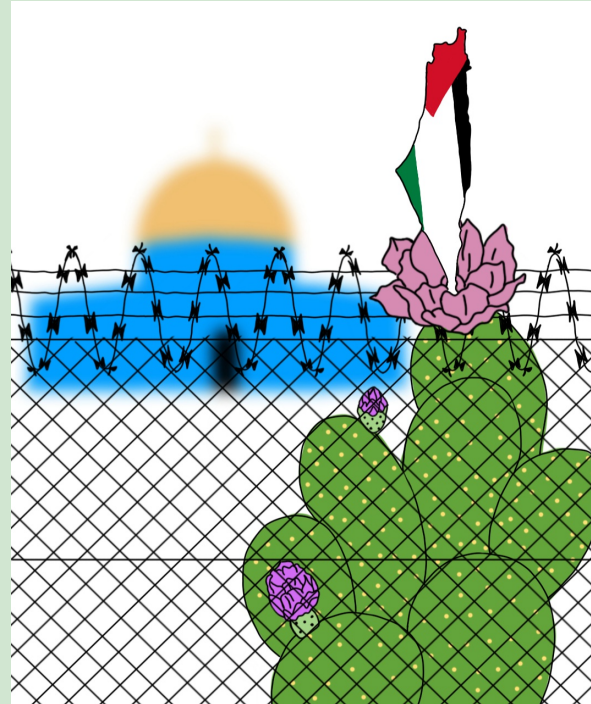
at GC. Participants in the All-PIN Zoom concur on the value of testing the waters.

Topic: **Conditioning U.S. military aid to Israel on human rights**. Building on D024 (2022), the general call for conditioning all U.S. aid should be repeated specifically in relation to U.S. aid to Israel. Both AC, SC and All-PIN Zoomers agree on the importance of this topic.

Topic: **Indigenous rights of Palestinians**. AC pointed out that this approach is new and might be fruitful. SC and All-PIN agree.

Topic: **Opposing the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism**. Resolution D122 (1991) unequivocally states that legitimate criticism of Israeli government policy is distinguished from "anti-Jewish prejudice". A majority of AC, SC and All-PIN feel that opening this subject would not be productive.

Topic: **Calling Travelers/Holy Land Pilgrims to Responsible Travel that does not normalize or ignore Israeli apartheid and Palestinian experience**. AC members were very positive about this, noting it's a tangible topic for discussion at GC, promoting our individual responsibility as Christians. SC and All-PIN agree. Also noted by All-PIN : a second resolution on Zionist threats/attacks on Christian presence, sites and worship in the Holy Land may be needed.



## What are some take-aways for Local Organizing?

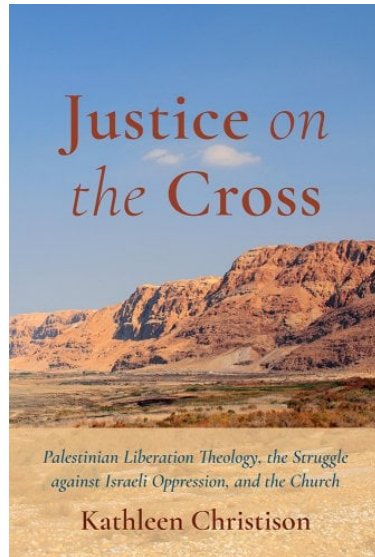
### Organizing is Relationships

**Stay connected with PIN!** If you are considering diocesan resolutions on any of the topics that PIN is discussing or other topics for which TEC does not have policy, let PIN help with how-to advice on process, writing, organizing testimony, etc. Start by studying the rules and time-line for submission of resolutions in your diocese. Due dates for submission are often late summer.

**Act as a bridge** between PIN and your diocesan deputation to General Convention. Build relationships with your deputies, share PIN educational resources and Palestine/Israel resolutions which will be

published in the *Bulletin*.

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approach General Convention 81

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