

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 Writing Teams Finalize 6 Resolutions for G.C. 2024 in Time for Submission to Fall Diocesan Conventions

Condition U.S. Military Assistance to Israel

Applies Resolution 2022-D024 that calls for conditioning aid and arms sales to prevent use in warfare, conflict or violating human rights to Israel and calls for support from OGR and EPPN.

Express Solidarity with Palestinians as an Indigenous People

Recognize Palestinians as an indigenous people and apply the demands of Resolution 2012-A131 accordingly.

On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land

Recommends that Holy Land pilgrims engage the contemporary realities in Palestine and Israel and include encounters with the conditions and with Palestinians in particular in their travel.

A Call for Ending Apartheid Against Palestinians

To complement the three resolutions referred from GC80. References the reports of HRW, Amnesty International, and B'Tselem, calls on GC to join other churches in naming apartheid, and calls on OGR to make ending apartheid a priority policy.

Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism

Defines Christian Zionism, references its role in furthering Israel's anti-Palestinian policies, affirms Resolution 2022-A216 against extremist groups, and calls on OGR to oppose tax exemptions for Christian Zionist organizations.

BDS Resolutions

Two versions are available:

Solidarity with the Palestinian Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions Movement

The BDS campaign is legitimate, non-violent, consistent with TEC policy, and conforms with the 2009 Kairos Palestine statement

Supporting Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Campaign

Similar to the other but lengthier and includes the titles of seven previous relevant GC resolutions.



PIN's 6 model resolutions, with explanations, will be submitted as C or D resolutions for consideration at General Convention 81, to be convened in June 2024 at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville. Category C resolutions are those submitted by provinces or dioceses. Category D resolutions are submitted by three sponsoring deputies, which in the case of PIN resolutions will depend on deputies sympathetic to the crisis for Palestinian human rights.

Submitting Category C Resolutions:

PIN urges activists to consider submitting a diocesan resolution based on the models created by our writing team. Contact PIN to receive model Resolutions with Explanations, which you can adapt to your constituency. Some dioceses require submission in August for fall conventions, so Carpe Diem! Here are some important tips:

**** Step one: research diocesan rules for submission of resolutions and the dates of the submission 'window'**

**** Add a "resolve" to PIN models that sends your resolution forward automatically to General Convention 81 in 2024.**

****Engage leaders and delegates during the months leading up to your Convention. A resolution shouldn't be an unexpected 'bomb.' In rallying support, let the resolution speak and create space for conversation. Ask for comments, questions, reservations. Be prepared with resources and suggestions for further study.**

**Reach out to your bishop, sharing the resolution and why it is important; ask for conversation and support.

**Write article(s) for your diocesan media, focusing on the issue that the resolution will address; be good teachers!

** Find allies to speak at hearings on behalf of the resolution. PIN activists in several dioceses discovered that it's helpful to invite a speaker from "outside." A Palestinian witness provided a crucial voice in passing a pro-Palestine Vermont resolution. In Rochester a member of the local Jewish Voice for Peace Chapter spoke directly and convincingly to the difference between real antisemitism and legitimate criticism of Israel's policies.



Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville

Some general information about General Convention 81 from PIN's "All Things G.C." Focus Group

The official opening day of G.C. 81 is Sunday, June 23, 2024. But registration and deputy certification begins on Friday the 21st and the Exhibit Hall opens at noon that day. That means that EPF and EPF PIN activity begins on the 20th, with set-up of our exhibit booth. Once again we will be sharing space under the umbrella of the Consultation, with excellent placement near the food court.

Plans for the EPF Reception are underway, with tentative time slot of Sunday evening, 6:30 to 7:30 local time. More details to follow.

We hope many PIN activists will reserve "digs" soon (rooms go fast even a year ahead of Convention) and join together to create a vibrant PIN presence at G.C. 81!

Please note - EPF and EPF PIN are now on a new platform for giving! Whether you are a monthly giver or a first time giver, please visit our new platform to make your gift. Consider increasing your monthly donation to support our efforts for peace and justice.



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