

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?***



LOOKING AHEAD TO ON-LINE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE HEARINGS:

TESTIMONY ON PALESTINE/ISRAEL RESOLUTIONS TO BE ORGANIZED BY PIN

The rosters for Legislative Committees for General Convention 81 are available [HERE](#). Click on any Committee to view. Committee 06 Social Justice & International Policy and Committee 07 Social Justice & U.S. Policy will sponsor hearings on resolutions related to Palestine/Israel. If you are aware of potential allies on either committee, please let PIN know.

Committee meetings or dates for hearings are not yet published.

Status of PIN Resolutions

Note: "C" resolutions are sent forward to General Convention after affirmation at diocesan conventions. "D" resolutions are submitted by a proposer (deputy to G.C.) and 2 endorsers (deputies).

Three "C" Resolutions naming Israel as an Apartheid State were sent forward from General Convention 80 for consideration at G.C. 81

"C" resolution from the Diocese of Rochester, NY:

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.

"D" resolutions: PIN has confirmed proposers and endorsers for these resolutions. However, we are reaching out to supporters from all dioceses to become involved in endorsement and, if interested, testifying before the Legislative Committees. Get in touch with us!

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.

A Call for Ending Apartheid Against Palestinians: New Version

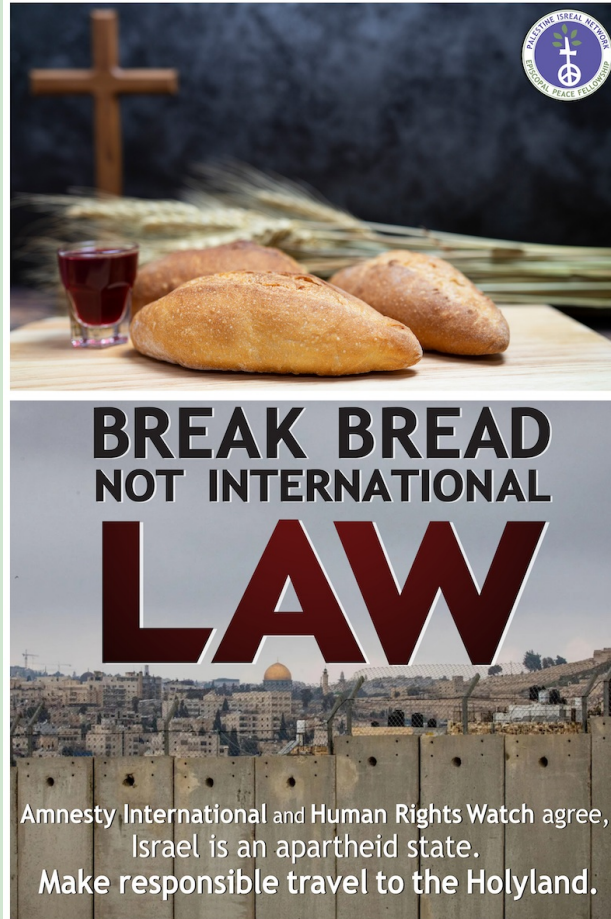
To complement the three resolutions referred from GC80. References the reports of HRW, Amnesty International, and B'Tselem, calls on GC to join other churches in naming apartheid, and calls on OGR to make ending apartheid a priority policy.

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.

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



Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch agree,
Israel is an apartheid state.
Make responsible travel to the Holyland.

Here's a timely image designed for downloading in poster or postcard formats, the latter useful for web presentation. We continue to introduce these images in the Bulletin on behalf of PIN's Ad Hoc Travel Group. Anyone interested in viewing more images can email PIN at epfpin@epfnational.org. We can send the files as email attachments or arrange a pick up via dropbox.

An Invitation from *Indiana Center for Middle East Peace, Kairos West Michigan, and Kairos USA*



Register now for our upcoming interview with Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, Pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, Co-Director of the Global Kairos for Justice Coalition, and Academic Dean of Bethlehem Bible College.

The interview will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2:00-3:00pm Eastern time.

Register here for the Zoom interview:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tZUfU2trZouH9cYJUou5pJr_3l_d1-waP1H

Please share this invitation widely.

Visualize Palestine designed the graphic below to help us wrap our minds around the number of Palestinian children killed by Israeli forces in what is being called by the U.N. a 'war on children.' 277 buses are no longer enough to illustrate the rising death toll as the IDF continues indiscriminate bombing and attacks on refugee camps, hospitals and 'safe areas' packed with displaced Gazan families.



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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