

## Challenging Christian Zionism Regarding the Gaza Genocide - Webinar Chat

00:20:38 Shane Claiborne: Jonathan you may have seen the bi-partisan legislation that passed thru congress with the support of both parties that can take away tax exemption from US nonprofits that work against US interests and foreign policy... one of many recent concerns

00:21:11 Shane Claiborne: (It passed House of Rep now goes to Senate)

00:25:33 Shane Claiborne: Just got my tickets to Bethlehem! See many of you in a couple of weeks!

00:36:46 Elizabeth Boubion: Such an honor to be with Rev. Munther Isaac. Thank you so much for your loving resistance! May God protect you.

00:37:27 Dawn Bulchandani: Good morning from Redding, California! So happy to be here Shane's book Irresistible Revolution really impacted me maybe 20 years ago AND I know Munther from when I lived in Bethlehem. What a wonderful match up. Thank you to all who have put this together.

00:38:21 Zeis Yiamouyiannis: Where can one find a pro-Palestine, anti-genocide Christian church in my area of Columbus, Ohio? I see no resources for this and Google search is not helping.

00:38:48 Jeff Wright: Greetings from Fort Collins, Colorado, Disciples Palestine/Israel Network, Heart of the Rockies CC(Disciples of Christ) that just joined the Apartheid-Free Communities, and the SJP demonstration on the campus of Colorado State University, where I'm serving as SJP's police liaison.

00:38:55 bre mixtli: Replying to "Where can one find a..."

Any tips for finding this in other areas would be so helpful! Writing from Madison WI

00:39:16 Sean Statzer: I'm in Southwest Virginia and have been pretty much alone in challenging believers here on their views of this situation. The region I'm in is very much majority fundamentalist evangelicals and I'm really hoping to connect with ministries and/or organizations that are working to challenge churches on their theologies both for support, accountability, and guidance in my endeavors. If anyone here can help me or point me in the right directions please reach out!

00:40:51 Philip Farah: Check out PCAP Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace <https://www.pcap-us.org/>

00:41:02 Loren McGrail: I am an interim Pastor in Holmdel, and a member of the UCC PIN Steering Committee.

00:41:13 Shane Claiborne: Here's the link if anyone wants to share on your socials: <https://www.facebook.com/fosnalive/>

00:41:24 Philip Farah: Sign up for our newsletters <https://www.pcap-us.org/>

00:41:25 Philip Nixon: I would like to ask Munter"s advice on how to reply to the challenge "what about Hamas?" or " so you support terrorists" which we often get when supporting Palestine.

00:41:58 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "Where can one find a..."  
Same for me. I am in...

00:42:22 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "Where can one find a..."  
We should start a li...

00:42:53 George Marx: Notable- Roman Catholic - Palestinian Woman - Author - book, interviews etc. - Fida Jiryis -

<https://www.georgemarx.org/2023/03/stranger-in-my-own-land-fida-jiryis.html>

00:42:55 Michelle Gastulo: What is the name of this poem? I missed it

00:43:20 bre mixtli: Replying to "Where can one find a..."

As for Madison I have found one that appears to be in solidarity with Palestine due to hosting an event in memory of Rachel Corrie -- Christ Presbyterian. Not sure about others though or tips for assessing a church's stance

00:43:21 Phoebe Knopf: Thank you for the wonderful poem. What is the title?

00:43:36 Allison Tanner: Replying to "Where can one find a..."

check out the churches who have signed the Apartheid-Free pledge:

<https://apartheid-free.org/about/#full-list-of-signers>

00:43:50 bre mixtli: Replying to "Thank you for the wo..."

"Think of Others" by Mahmoud Darwish

00:43:59 Karen Weeks: Replying to "I'm in Southwest Vir..."

I feel the same here in southwest Michigan!

00:44:44 Joy Al-Sofi: Members of the Biden administration should be made to consider 18 U.S. Code § 1091 the law that brought the genocide convention into US law. this statute in their faces, up front and center at every protest at every meeting, press conference, briefing, and trips home and abroad.

00:45:17 Karen Weeks: Replying to "Hello from Brazil!"

I've been to the Xingu River area on a mission trip - it's beautiful!

00:45:46 Kristi L: Replying to "I'm in Southwest Vir..."

Here are some resources from a working group I was in:

00:46:42 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "I'm in Southwest Vir..."

This is great Kristi...

00:49:45 Randall Heyn-Lamb: Holy Fire seen in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jerusalem. Al-Masih qam! (Christ is Risen!) Haqan qam! (Risen indeed!)

00:50:38 Debbie Blane: Can we please get a copy of this poignant prayer?

00:51:14 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "Can we please get a ..."  
I'd like a copy too ...

00:51:26 bre mixtli: Replying to "Can we please get a ..."  
Ditto

00:51:43 Alia Braaten: Replying to "Can we please get a ..."  
Same

00:51:59 Aziz Baameur:same gere, please

00:52:20 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Replying to "Greetings from Fort ..."  
Thank you for being a liaison

00:57:30 Jonathan Kuttab: Replying to "Where can one find a..."  
Try contacting my sister, Lydia Brenneman, who is in St. Marys Ohio, and a member of  
Mennonite PIN

00:58:10 bre mixtli: Replying to "Where can one find a..."  
@apartheid-free.org Thank you so much for this resource, wonderful to have

00:58:26 Steve Davis: Thanks to our Introducers for their extensive and comprehensive  
introductions.

01:00:21 Steve: What part of the issue is Hamas?

01:02:45 Pippa Gerhard: As a South African, I am grateful for your visit!

01:03:15 Hilal M: This is very true. It's not about Christianity or how the Bible is  
read, it's about racism. Their racism shapes their beliefs

01:03:39 Joy Al-Sofi: Thank you, South Africa!

01:06:14 Philip Farah: Check out <https://www.pcap-us.org/>

01:06:23 Michelle Gastulo: I am so disheartened by the entrenched belief that Israel is  
special to God. The Christian church has almost elevated Israel to an idol.

01:06:31 Philip Farah: Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace

01:06:54 Joy Al-Sofi: Naomi Klein said that Zionism is the Golden Idol

01:07:18 bre mixtli: Replying to "I am so disheartened..."  
Yes! This is a great sorrow of mine daily. Thank you for saying this!

01:07:29 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Here's the Christ at the Checkpoint link for  
those interested <https://christatthecheckpoint.bethbc.edu/>

01:07:35 Darrel Meyers: In my calls to White House and Congressman yesterday, I  
kept saying that Palestinians are equal human beings! Equal to Americans; equal to Israelis!  
Important to make; thanks for emphasizing.

01:07:40 Michelle Gastulo: God loves all people and nations equally. God doesn't have special favor for Israel or the US.

01:08:24 Ronald Bettag: To achieve "a day after", we must start today to build a framework for 'peace through development' in the context of a new Security and Development Architecture

The Oasis PPlan Conference 90 minute video:

<https://schillerinstitute.com/blog/2024/04/16/urgent-call-for-peace-through-development-the-oasis-plan>

On Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TvJt6nlYpl&t=5005s>

In light of the immediate and escalating crisis in the so-called "Middle East", please explore and comment on "The Oasis Plan."

This initiative proposes peace through economic development, including infrastructure projects to transform the region from one of conflict and war, to a hub of connectivity, with economic viability for future generations. Ron Bettag

If the link above fails to transmit, one can find it on the Schiller Institute homepage.  
schillerinstitute.com

01:08:30 Nadia Kassis: This is not about Hamas. This is about us Christians speaking up against injustice and against racism. Jesus is Love and he doesn't favor a group of people over others. He loves us all, no matter what religion, what ethnicity, race we're from. The Bible tells us that too "Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all."

Acts 10:34-36 NIV <https://bible.com/bible/111/act.10.35.NIV>

01:08:48 bre mixtli: So many Christians mourn Israel yet feel nothing, or worse yet feel joy, for Palestinians' suffering. It's heartbreaking.

01:09:31 Michelle Gastulo: It's also unfortunate that people have conflated criticism of Israel/anti-zionism with antisemitism

01:09:49 Cristy Quintana: Why have our Christian leaders not objected in the past and present that a supremacist state took a biblical name and called themselves Israel? Why has it been allowed for so many people to believe that the biblical Israel is THE SAME as the country called Israel?

01:10:11 Fred Mollon: Personally, I think the whole problem, with regards to Christian Zionists is the name of the country - Israel. This is the jumping off point that makes them look at the OT as a connection to this group of racist terrorists.

01:10:35 Kristi L: Replying to "Why have our Christi..."

Naim Ateek talks about this a lot in Justice and Only Justice (Palestinian liberation theology).  
Recommended reading!

01:10:42 Joy Al-Sofi: Pope Francis has said what is needed, now he must do what is needed by going to Gaza and standing for peace, justice and freedom.

Please sign the petition and share widely.

<https://chnng.it/CRQ7qw4Gzn>

01:10:49 Nick Bloor: The term, "anti-semitism" is antisemitic as Semite include Jews and Arabs. It includes Palestinians

01:11:13 Lydia El-Sayegh: I think another ingredient with racism and misinterpretation of scripture is a love of militarism in our cultures

01:11:15 Joseph Ritacco: In my attempts to educate, I avoid words, phrases that cause knee jerk reactions or have different meanings (eg Zionism). But I do not sugarcoat the facts. Point is to keep people from shutting down etc so that they can be open to listening, learning and changing what is in their heart...name it to embrace pain of both peoples. So far so good

01:11:20 Kristi L: Replying to "Why have our Christi..."

And also Mitri Raheb in Decolonizing Palestine: The Land, the People, the Bible

01:11:36 Jennifer Porter: Replying to "Personally, I think ..."

Yes, as many can't critically separate them

01:12:04 Diane Holmlund: Replying to "Naomi Klein said tha..."

Douglas Rushkoff would agree in his great work, Nothing Sacred, that making Eretz Israel the ultimate symbol of Judaism is Idolatry - that no symbols except that ongoing act of the Dialectic is the essence of Jewish belief and practice.

01:12:19 Fred Mollon: Replying to "Personally, I think ..."

Not just critically separate, but theologically, prophetically and historically

01:12:31 Joy Al-Sofi: That idea of a "Land without a people, for a people without a land," originated from an English clergyman, Alexander Keith. I only recently learned this

01:12:33 Burt Vossen: Replying to "The term, "anti-semi..."

Jewish author Sim Kern has a good video on tiktok discussing this topic.

01:13:07 Gabrielle Tang: Replying to "Personally, I think ..."

Yes, I've said to friends that Israelis ≠ Israelites. Let's not confuse that.

01:13:10 Nicholas Bartoli: When asked about Western civilization, Gandhi answered: "That would be a good idea."

01:14:02 Joy Al-Sofi: What is your opinion of the Joint Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony, from NIF?

01:14:11 Nadia Kassis: Rev. Munther is absolutely correct. I'm a Palestinian Christian and none of my family lives in Palestine because of the brutality of this occupation. Many Palestinian Christians are in the same boat and they were kicked out of their homes because of Zionism.

01:14:21 Rebecca Groff: We all have equal amounts of God's image. I'm so grieved that the U.S. arms, funds, & supports the indiscriminate attacks on the innocent Palestinian civilians with even more sent after 10/7/2023. I pray our U.S. leaders have a change of hearts. That they would dream dreams & be unable to sleep or eat without thinking of the those in Gaza without clean water, homes, safety, food, & grieving killed loved ones.

01:14:23 David Crump: May I recommend my book, "**Like Birds in a Cage: Christian Zionism's Collusion in Israel's Oppression of the Palestinian People**" (Cascade, 2021)

01:14:25 Rab Burnett: Condemn or condone!

01:14:40 Fred Mollon: Replying to "Personally, I think ..."

Exactly right.

01:14:41 Randall Heyn-Lamb: Replying to "Personally, I think ..."

The Episcopal Church is considering a Resolution that would add language to our Prayer Book that would address this misunderstanding

01:14:42 Michelle Gastulo: I am reading a horrible zionist book by Noa Tishby because a local catholic church and a Jewish social club is hosting an interfaith book club but very clearly has a zionist agenda based on the book choice. I am going to probably be the sole voice in the book club meeting that will try to call for compassion and attention to the Palestinian side of things too. One of the points Noa makes is about how Arab Israelis are treated with equal rights in Israel..is that true??

01:14:52 Diane Holmlund: Wishing courage and renewal to Orthodox Palestinians this weekend!

01:14:55 Mary Quigley: Is it possible that Church leaders are silent because they are in alliance with zionists on other issues which they are hyper focused on such as gender identity, sexuality and "family values"? Have some zionist politicians risen to power by exploiting that perception of common ground? Is this part of White Christian Nationalism? Could there also be financial interest?

01:14:55 Fred Mollon: Replying to "Personally, I think ..."

I hope it passes.

01:15:06 Maisoon Afaneh: Thank you Rev Isaac for making this point! There is only one oppressor and one oppressed sides to this

01:15:31 Michael Bradley: Rev. Isaac, I want the U.S. Congress to invite you to SPEAK to a joint session of CONGRESS!

01:15:37 Debbie Blane: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
no it is not true

01:15:58 Diane Blanchard: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."

No

01:16:32 Lydia El-Sayegh: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
They have about 60 I...

01:16:34 Nadia Kassis: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."

Not true at all , Arabs are second class citizens in Israel

01:16:37 Fred Mollon: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."

Definitely not true

01:16:43 Tina Skiver: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."

noa is an actress. Look up the laws that apply to only Jews having the right to self determination in Israel.

01:16:54 Phoebe Knopf: I'm so sorry - it looks like my computer is having a tech challenge resulting in empty reply boxes purportedly from me, being sent sporadically, without my prompting, to some commenters in the chat. I will work to stop this.

01:17:00 Joy Al-Sofi: Citizens in Israel have fewer rights than Nationalities, and Israel is the Nation state of Jewish people.

01:17:07 Randall Heyn-Lamb: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."

Refer them to the 2018 Basic Law which reserves the right of self determination exclusively to the Jewish people,

01:17:31 Rab Burnett:

<https://www.nytimes.com/1973/12/16/archives/daniel-berrigans-speech-to-arabs-stirs-a-furor-over-award-released.html#:~:text=Turning%20to%20Israel%2C%20he%20characterized,known%20a%20criminal%20Jewish%20community.>"

01:17:34 Shirley Toy: facebook link again please so we can share and also watch it later if we have to leave early

01:17:58 Tina Skiver: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."

Some of it is very similar to what black citizens in the US have historically to the present experienced.

01:18:21 Nadia Kassis: Jewish Voice of Peace is very well known and have a loud voice / actions, we don't see the same power and voice from Christians ... it may be few churches here and there but not a united movement

01:18:36 Elizabeth Boubion: Yes... the problem of "normalization" is the false equivalency of Israel and Palestine. Read the PACBI website:

<https://bdsmovement.net/news/bds-movement-anti-normalization-guidelines>

01:18:36 Rab Burnett: Replying to "https://www.nytimes...."

"Turning to Israel, he characterized it, along with South Africa and the United States, as "a settler state" seeking "a biblical justification for crimes against humanity."

01:18:36 Burt Vossen: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
tell them to look at the website of the Latin Patriarchate and read the statements of Patriarch Pizzaballa therein.

01:18:47 Rab Burnett: Replying to "https://www.nytimes...."  
This was in 1973

01:19:11 Sean Statzer: In my area dispensationalism and rapture theology are so deeply ingrained in most people's understanding of the Bible that even beginning to speak against the current state of Israel in any way immediately sounds like blasphemy to them and they immediately put up a wall to anything else you have to say. That's one of the biggest hurdles I've faced as I've tried to engage local ministers on this topic.

01:19:28 Bernie Corace: Yes! As a Christian father with Jewish children I tell them that Matthew 25 is the essence of my faith.

01:19:30 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Replying to "Is it possible that ..."  
From my take, finances and "power" are main motivators. Look at how much American universities are invested in weapons manufacturing, for example. Or google's one BILLION dollar deal with Israel (project nimbus). this might help too  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/C6g0AfOuKrF/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/C6g0AfOuKrF/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)

01:19:30 Steve France: PLEASE ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF Palestinian church leaders justifying silence or making tepid comments because they fear Israeli retaliation against hospitals, clinics, schools and parishes.

01:19:43 Hilal M: <https://www.adalah.org/en/content/view/7771>

01:19:43 Nick Bloor: Tends to be two beliefs happening in unison. 1) The neither Jew nor Greek, Slave nor free, male or female... all one in Christ  
And that Jews are God's people, so we (as Christians) need to support the Jews, no matter what they say or do. And that what's happening currently, fulfills the Bible.  
It's a way to feel that you're on the right team, without "Love" (which takes effort, sacrificial)..  
Love is hard work... It's an action, not a feeling.

01:19:52 Marta Guttenberg: A small question for the panelists on the issue of words: why are liberals angered by Palestinians using the word martyr to describe their dead? When I ask liberals they seem to describe a knee jerk experience of disgust.

01:20:25 John-Otto Liljenstolpe: One reason many U.S. Christians are sympathetic to Zionism is that the theology of Zionism played a ideological role in the establishment of the North American colonies. This Zionist perspective is now expressed as American exceptionalism.

01:20:32 Hilal M: Replying to "https://www.adalah..."  
The discriminatory laws database

01:20:51 Randall Heyn-Lamb: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
I believe Adalah lists nearly 70 laws in Israel that discriminate against non-Jews in Israel. And of course, Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza are occupied and under martial law

01:20:58 Nadia Kassis: Well said reverent

01:21:27 peter2: Replying to "The term, "anti-semi..."  
The concept called "anti-Semitism" since its beginning in the 19th century has always been a racial theory, the view that Jews are not of European origin and therefore do not deserve the same privileges as genuine "white" people. Few people hold this view anymore, but the reason is that now Jews are generally accepted as "white". The underlying idea of anti-Semitism, that people who aren't of European origin don't deserve the same privileges as "white" people, continues in anti-Palestinianism.

01:21:36 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
Great thank you so m...

01:22:01 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "Rev. Munther is abso..."  
Same here! I'm Palestinian Christian American. My family was displaced at gun point from Jaffa in 1948, and now we're scattered all over the world. We don't even know each other.

01:23:07 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "In my area dispensat..."  
Yes its so hard to e...

01:23:44 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "Rev. Isaac, I want t..."  
But they never will! They refuse to listen to Palestinian voices!

01:23:52 Burt Vossen: Replying to "In my area dispensat..."  
Ask them why they are helping to erase the Palestinian Christians, the descendants of Jesus's first followers?

01:23:57 joseph ritacco: Islamic teaching. Scripture can be interpreted in many ways. But God knows what is in your heart..and will judge based on the latter.

01:24:06 Frederick Trost: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's favorite biblical text came from the Hebrew Scriptures: "Lift up you voice for the voiceless."

01:24:12 Nadia Kassis: Replying to "Rev. Isaac, I want t..."  
I pray and hope that this happens

01:25:21 Sean Statzer: Replying to "In my area dispensat..."  
@Burt Vossen it's not that simple when they've also been indoctrinated with a Zionist-centric revisionist version of history. This is probably the most frustrating aspect for me personally.

01:25:50 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "In my area dispensat..."  
It's like they get t...

01:26:06 Rab Burnett: In 1948 Albert Camus was invited by some Dominican monks to write to them on the topic "What Unbelievers Expect of Christians" part of his response was "For a long time during those frightful years I waited for a great voice to speak up in Rome. I, an unbeliever? Precisely. For I knew that the spirit would be lost if it did not utter a cry of condemnation when faced with force. It seems that that voice did speak up. But I assure you that millions of men like me did not hear it and that at that time believers and unbelievers alike shared a solitude that continued to spread as the days went by and the executioners multiplied."

01:26:08 Rebecca Groff: Replying to "I'm in Southwest ..."  
I find resources by Vote Common Good helpful for countering white Christian Nationalism (supremacy for interpreting sacred text justifying empire & militarization (Christian Zionism), <https://www.votecommongood.com/confronting-christian-nationalism-curriculum/>

01:26:08 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
Noa Tishby is vile! Don't poison your thoughts.

01:26:10 Maurice Restivo: In response to Shane, I think Biden is blindly supporting Israel as a military ally... and a place that funds the military industrial complex.

01:27:07 Marta Guttenberg: Aaron Bushnell was in effect a conscious objector

01:27:36 John-Otto Liljenstolpe: We need to dare to engage with our fellow citizens who are Christian Zionist not by arguing but by listening to their explanations and then asking questions. If one has listened carefully to what they say and ask the right questions, it becomes possible to ask questions that make our conversation partner become aware of internal dissonance. When a person shifts perspectives, often it is due to the awareness of internal dissonance.

01:27:50 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
She isn't making me ...

01:27:59 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "Aaron Bushnell was i..."  
Let us support UNRWA. If our governments won't act in accordance with humanity, then we will. <https://www.unrwausa.org/donate> Let us do it to honor Aaron Bushnell, or in memory of Hind Rajab.

01:28:07 Dianne Bettag: Americans that defend Israel's genocide and our right to fund it, are supporting the imperial policies of those we fought the American Revolution Against.

01:28:23 Sean Statzer: I haven't heard many people touch on this but coming from a very fundamentalist area in the "Bible Belt" of America I can't help but see an incredible amount of symmetry between Christian Zionism and Christian Nationalism. Which makes perfect sense really because they're really two sides of the same coin.

01:28:28 Linden Jenkins they/them on unceded Abenaki land: What does conscientious objection look like for us in this country wherever we are? What does Jesus call us to do to prevent the ongoing performance of genocide with out tax dollars, in our name? Let's lease cut to the chase right now?

01:28:45 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
Suggest your club read "Ten Myths About Israel," by Ilan Pappé

01:29:04 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
Yes, that's an outstanding book.

01:29:18 Michael Bradley: MLK, Lech Walesa, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and others give us hope that Christians can make a difference!

01:29:18 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
I am reading that at...

01:29:26 Darlene Wildman: I know I need to hear more stories of conscious objection. And have recently been following Simone Zimmerman. The next generation of Jewish American/Israeli young ones who see the horrific wrongs being done in their names.

01:29:42 Debbie Fremer: Thank you for organizing this. Prayers for all involved.

01:29:43 joseph ritacco: My perspective. Most Americans are ignorant about the history and/or have a dim view of Arab's and Muslims..in large part due to Israel. So step 1 in my mind to get such folks to the table to listen and learn, need to acknowledge where people are so you can start moving them in a different direction..or they just wont even show up or will resist attempts to present a story.

01:29:46 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
It's not my bookclub...

01:29:51 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
Also, "The Invention of the Jewish People" by Israeli-author Shloam Sans

01:30:02 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
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01:30:13 John-Otto Liljenstolpe: Pr. Isaac, is the leadership of the Orthodox Churches in Palestine and the Catholic Palestinian leadership reaching out to their fellow Christians in the U.S. in Europe?

01:30:25 Marta Guttenberg: Can US military claim conscientious objector status on Palestine? Many troops are supporting Israel as they are stationed in adjacent countries

01:30:38 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
And the "Invention of the Land of Israel," also by Shlomo Sand

01:31:07 Bernie Corace: As a Lutheran I look to the words and actions of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We are called to speak truth to power and place the truth of Jesus before the demands of the state.

01:31:08 Linden Jenkins they/them on unceded Abenaki land: Yes, I've been in the streets and supporting the encampments in my area but these actions have not resulted in the diminishment of the feeding of the genocide.

01:31:17 Joy Al-Sofi: The United Methodist Church did finally take a stand just this week, I read

01:31:45 Brooklyn Hopkins: is there a chance we can ask questions at the end? we are in a political radicalism class and we were told to join a protest on something we are passionate about.

01:31:54 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "I am reading a horri..."  
Thanks for the correction on the author's name! 😊🙏

01:32:04 Linden Jenkins they/them on unceded Abenaki land: We have to do more than just speak. Bonhoeffer shows us that.

01:32:05 Michelle Gastulo: Is anyone part of a church that remains silent or has only made cursory mention of the situation? For example by only saying we need to pray for both sides? Would you continue being a member of that church?

01:32:16 Burt Vossen: There needs to be a strategy to harness and focus the energy of the student protestors.

01:32:16 Margaret Mackay: Let us listen to the voices of Sabeel, the Palestinian

01:32:29 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Replying to "is there a chance we..."  
where is that class?

01:32:33 Mary Quigley: Replying to "Is it possible that ..."  
Good point Dawn!

01:32:35 Nadia Kassis: Congress never brought up the name of God and the only time they did, we get Congressman "Rick Allen" telling us that God only blesses us if we bless Israel and we have to turn a blind eye about the genocide they are doing. How come no Christian leader spoke up against that? Where is the real Church where are Jesus followers ? Does anyone understand that Jesus died for us all and blessed us all! He is even ready to leave the ninety nine to save one of us!!!! It makes me furious that no Christian leader have come up and addressed that.

01:32:57 Kristi L: Spot on, @Shane, about coloniality. We need to challenge U.S. Christians to reckon with settler-colonialism on this land of Turtle Island (colonially known as U.S./Canada). North American Christian Zionist defense of Israel is a proxy for Christian fear of decolonizing our own lands. Settler colonialism in both lands goes hand in hand. Anishinaabe leader Nick Estes of Red Nation speaks compelling to this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVbZXRMpWTK&t=600s> (See 10:00-25:00)

01:33:07 Joy Al-Sofi: When it comes to Christian witness, we could do worse than emulate Daniel Berrigan

01:33:30 Lydia El-Sayegh: Replying to "I haven't heard many..."  
I recommended checki...

01:33:41 Margaret Mackay: Let us listen to the voice of the Palestinian Liberation Theology Movement, Sabeel!

01:33:43 Michelle Gastulo: Can the chat be saved and shared? Lots of good ideas and resources here

01:33:46 Joy Al-Sofi: Again, mMembers of the Biden administration should be made to consider 18 U.S. Code § 1091 the law that brought the genocide convention into US law.

01:33:51 Brooklyn Hopkins: Replying to "is there a chance we..."  
at our university

01:33:56 John-Otto Liljenstolpe: In the Seattle area, we have found it very helpful to engage congregations accompanied by representatives of Jewish Voce for Peace.

01:34:09 peter2: Replying to "A small question for..."

It's because the word "martyr" in English means someone who dies for their beliefs, and "liberals" feel disgust at Palestinians' beliefs in their freedom and self-determination. Now, there is almost always a translation problem from Arabic in using the word "martyr". In Arabic, the word for "martyr" is "shaheed". But that Arabic word does not only mean "martyr"; it also refers to anyone who dies in a war. So for example, a child who dies when a bomb drops on his home is called a shaheed. We wouldn't use the English word "martyr" in such a case, but it gets translated as "martyr" simply because shaheed also means "martyr".

01:34:11 Nicholas Bartoli: I live in Hartford, CT and feel utterly alone in terms of other Christians. I'm currently associated with two UU congregations and they are very silent. When I try to raise it I am met with stonewalling and thin lips. I connect with local Jewish and Muslim activists, but it deeply saddens me that I have no Christian spiritual context in this.

01:34:29 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Replying to "is there a chance we..."  
I mean what university?

01:34:45 Rebecca Groff: Replying to "I'm in Southwest ..."  
Yes, church folks & communities who are anti-genocide & anti-oppression!

01:34:50 Phyllis Morris: Where is the global outrage against Putin's Russian genocide against the Ukrainian people?

01:34:56 joseph ritacco: I remember presenting to a Presbyterian group that we should divest from Caterpillar etc. I saw attendees reacting favorably. But a local leader (I was not well known) said he didn't want to be called an anti Semite so he convinced the group to vote down my proposal Took me 30 minutes. took him but 2. Another real challenge to turn things around

01:35:01 Linda Ruth Ciglen: Replying to "Can the chat be save..."  
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01:35:09 Linda Ruth Ciglen: Replying to "Can the chat be save..."  
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01:35:51 Jennifer Porter: What are some practical ways to build peace building bridges of curious conversation to those who are obsessed with blessing and curses from God depending on actions of "blessing and curses" of Israel? Especially hard with those in families

01:35:55 Jane Kevern: Replying to "Is anyone part of a ..."  
My church is like this. I was going to leave but a minister from another church advised me to stay and keep stirring

01:36:06 Michelle Gastulo: I want to be part of a Christians for Palestine Discord or WhatsApp group if that exists? I want to keep the conversation going and be able to share resources and encourage each other. A lot of us feel utterly alone in our christian communities and families.

01:36:16 Joy Al-Sofi: "Onward Christian Soldiers" is a very long-standing idea

01:36:40 George Marx: Books I would suggest reading in general: Rashid Khalidi- The Hundred Years War -  
<https://www.georgemarx.org/2024/02/the-hundred-years-war-rashid-khalidi.html> + on Gaza - see: <https://www.georgemarx.org/2024/02/hamas-contained-tareq-baconis-excellent.html> + Personal Story - from a Roman Catholic - Palestinian- Israeli Citizen - many links: <https://www.georgemarx.org/2023/03/stranger-in-my-own-land-fida-jiryis.html> + great interview (YouTube) with Rashid Khalidi - see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EDypq6cKDM>

01:36:56 Newland Smith: here in Chicago non violent rallies and marches since October 7 and the student encampments calling out their universities support of the Zionist state of Israel will be coming to a head at the Democratic National Convention in August the Chicago Faith Coalition on Middle East Policy has been supporting these actions. Newland Smith, Evanston IL

01:37:33 George Marx: Many more reviews etc:  
<https://www.georgemarx.org/2022/12/palestine-israel-judiasm-posts-links-my.html>

01:37:35 Rebecca Groff: I'd like to learn more about Dietrich Bonhoeffer as he died for involvement in trying to take out Hitler in addition to challenging the German church who made agreements with the Nazi regime.

01:37:40 Joy Al-Sofi: Does anything fight harder than privilege?

01:38:06 Christa in Oregon: Also Ireland speaks strongly as anti-imperialists.

01:38:14 Kristi L: Replying to "is there a chance we..."  
Check out public courses on political organizing at White Awake  
<https://whiteawake.org/online-courses/>

01:38:27 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: "voices in the wilderness" is a great reference point

01:38:31 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "Can the chat be save..."  
I tried but it doesn...

01:38:41 Joy Al-Sofi: Let us not forget Nicaragua for taking Germany to the ICJ for sending arms to Israel.

01:38:41 joseph ritacco: I recommend d book "Side by Side" if want to learn 20th century history as seen by Israelis and Palestinians. Book intended to create opportunity for dialogue to understand reality and perceptions of other side.

01:38:54 Maurice Restivo: Thank you, Munther

01:38:57 Erika Mendoza: Thank you.

01:38:58 yh Patt: SHUKRAN

01:39:02 Steve France: small problem: Algeria has been a brutal, corrupt one-party dictatorship for over 50 years

01:39:02 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Thanks munther!

01:39:02 Linden Jenkins they/them on unceded Abenaki land: Thank you Rev Isaac!

01:39:04 Nick Bloor: <3

01:39:04 Tracey Craigon: thanks

01:39:04 Joy Al-Sofi: Thank you!

01:39:05 Kristi L: Shukran <3

01:39:06 Michelle Gastulo: Thank you Reverend

01:39:07 Kira Fisher: thank you

01:39:11 yh Patt: SHUKRAN

01:39:12 Phoebe Knopf: Thank you so much Rev Munther!

01:39:19 Pippa Gerhard: Thank you

01:39:19 Randall Heyn-Lamb: Replying to "Also Ireland speaks ..."

And still struggles with its own occupation in the north!

01:39:29 Linda Ruth Ciglen: Replying to "Can the chat be save..."

Depends on your device - if you're on a tablet, Zoom hasn't enabled that feature 🙄

01:39:50 Nadia Kassis: Christian leaders need to unite and call out the Christian Zionism is not Christianity . We have to bold like Jesus. When our lord went into the temple and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.... We should be bold too and we should overthrow any group that distorts what Christianity is about.

01:39:55 joseph ritacco: what is process for Qs? I joined late?

01:39:55 Marta Guttenberg: It would have been so great if Jewish survivors of the Holocaust had learned the lessons that South Africans learned from surviving Apartheid

01:39:58 Kathryn Habib: Let's think of Michael Jackson's advice to look at the "man in the mirror" There's one historical element behind Christian Zionism and Christian liberal hesitancy or inaction. Western Christianity has to examine its past. The Crusades are in its past, and later western colonialism which included the western missionaries have led to an inability to one degree or another of western Christians to identify with the Palestinians. Western

Christianity is not in fellowship with Eastern Christianity. Because of this historical fault, we internally have much to overcome. Orthodoxy, the majority of Eastern Christians, reject the just war "theology ."

Since 1974 the Middle East Council of Churches headquartered in Beirut was for. It brings together on one platform Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Catholics, and Protestants. The western churches should become more aware.

01:40:02 Joy Al-Sofi: Can you please send us the chat after the session ends?

01:40:22 Elaine Murray: Thank you so much , Munther, Shane and Karlene. So inspiring. Thank you also to Fosna for all you do. Blessings from Cork in Ireland.

01:40:27 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "I recommend d book "..."  
Who is the author?

01:40:31 Sarah Ensslen: Replying to "what is process for ..."  
I think they just copied all the questions that were asked here during the chat

01:40:31 Joy Al-Sofi: We need a Q&A folder for asking questions

01:40:54 Zeis Yiamouyiannis: I have checked out the apartheid.org site, but I still do not see any explicitly anti-genocide Christian churches in my area which has a million people, Columbus, OH. Where do I find a pro-Jesus, anti-genocide church in the area.

01:40:58 Darlene Wildman: I wonder if Alex Awad would like to say something? I love hearing from him.

01:41:04 Noushin Framke: to save this chat hit the three dots on top right and hit save - it gets saved in your downloads

01:41:15 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "I have checked out t..."  
Time to start one

01:41:16 Jacob Gane: How do you respond to the illegitimate insistence that we need to condemn Oct 7/Hamas before we can talk about Gaza?

01:41:28 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: QUESTION: SHANE, what changes have you seen in your decades of advocacy that might encourage those of us weary from seeing so little change? 🌱

01:41:32 Nadia Kassis: Replying to "I have checked out t..."  
I agree , we should have a voice

01:41:33 yh Patt: QUESTION: Who are the Palestinians in this space? Can we privilege any them, especially any who are now in Palestine?

01:41:45 Jennifer Porter: Replying to "what is process for ..."  
Don't see a Q&A tab like some Zoom webinars can have. Must be pulling from the Chat

01:41:52 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "to save this chat hi..."  
Apparently not on my Zoom, as there are no three dots

01:41:54 Sean Statzer: Does anyone know of organizations or churches that are active in combating christian zionism in the southwest Virginia/northeast Tennessee area?

01:41:57 Randall Heyn-Lamb: Who can we email at the National Cathedral?

01:42:03 Michelle Gastulo: My email is [mgastulo5@gmail.com](mailto:mgastulo5@gmail.com) I can start a WhatsApp group if people are interested

01:42:15 Michelle Gastulo: Please email me and I can get something started

01:42:22 Linda Ruth Ciglen: Replying to "to save this chat hi..."

@Joy Al-Sofi At the top RH corner of the opened chat panel?

01:42:38 Hilary: We would like to ask your advice on how to reply to the challenge "what about Hamas?" or "so you support terrorists" which we often get when supporting Palestine. This morning we were continually asked to comment on the actions of 7 October and we could make no progress with the man concerne

01:42:47 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "to save this chat hi..."

Nope

01:42:48 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "to save this chat hi..."

Yeah I can't save us...

01:42:49 peter2: Replying to "Where is the global ..."

I'm not aware that there is such a genocide. If there is, I'd like to join a webinar to learn more about it. It is well beyond the scope of the current webinar.

01:43:07 Jennifer Wytmans: Replying to "to save this chat hi..."

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01:43:17 Michelle Gastulo: Replying to "I have checked out t..."

I want to find one t...

01:43:28 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "We would like to ask..."

There is no Hamas in the West Bank but Palestinians are being killed and disposed everyday

01:43:29 Burt Vossen: Is there any strategy being developed to push the USCCB to denounce Christian Zionism, and hold Catholic officials to account for their roles in the genocide in the same way the bishops do to hold pro-choice officials?

01:43:38 Zeis Yiamouyiannis: Question of organization and networking. Why aren't there better coordination across religious and cultural lines to focus fire on this issue? Jewish Voices for Peace is in the area, but doesn't respond to emails and attempts at coalition.

01:43:39 Linda Ruth Ciglen: Replying to "to save this chat hi..."

@Jennifer Wytmans Hosts have allowed - I can see it

01:43:41 Steve France: The Church of the Empire, I'm afraid, which gets massive income from being the National Church and for hosting powerful intelligence-gathering equipment on its towers.

01:43:42 Barry Speert: Q: There are anti-Zionism statements attributed to Paul in the NT. Why not include these in outreach work?

01:43:46 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "Where is the global ..."  
What genocide against Ukrainians?

01:44:05 Linda Ruth Ciglen: Replying to "to save this chat hi..."  
But it doesn't work on tablets - that's Zoom's bad

01:44:06 Kathy Bodden: I would like a list of the companies that we should divest from?

01:44:34 Willa Rose Johnson: Could someone repeat those 4 points that Shane just mentioned once more?

01:44:41 Kristi L: Replying to "Question of organiza..."  
JVP Action Half-Hours (daily) are open to everyone. They are very busy with a billion emails.

01:44:58 Allie Perry: Replying to "I would like a list ..."  
<https://afsc.org/divest>

01:44:59 Jennifer Wytmans: Replying to "I would like a list ..."  
You can learn more here <https://bdsmovement.net>  
<https://bdsmovement.net/get-involved/what-to-boycott>

01:45:00 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "I would like a list ..."  
You can find that at the BDSmovement.net

01:45:04 Michael Bradley: At the National Cathedral, why not pray for ALL the victims of the violence, both Palestinian and Israeli?

01:45:25 Kristi L: Replying to "Question of organiza..."  
Maybe check out Christians for a Free Palestine which is addressing the question you raise.

01:45:26 Claire Matthews: Democrats who deplore U.S. complicity in the genocide are reluctant to speak out against Biden because in our election year the fear of his losing to Trump looms over the well being of our country.

01:45:41 Nick Bloor: Replying to "Where is the global ..."  
From my perspective, the Church in UK have been quite active with helping the Ukrainian people, but very silent with Gaza. We have had teams driving to Poland (I spent 3 months there helping Ukrainian refugees).. Regarding Gaza... Nothing

01:46:00 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "Question of organiza..."  
Indeed, why not? But it can't stop with only that

01:46:02 Debbie Blane: There are many people over 30 who are also not silent.

01:46:10 Maisoon Afaneh: Majority are silent! Let's be honest

01:46:10 Tracey Craigon: We only see a very small window of what is happening. God is still in control! We each have to do our part in promoting peace - radical love - pray for witness.

01:46:11 Nick Bloor: Replying to "Where is the global ..."

Also it isn't really a genocide (in Ukraine)

01:46:31 Kristi L: Replying to "How do you respond t..."

The oppression has been ongoing for 75 years. We can start with 1948 Nakba.

01:46:39 joseph ritacco: I suggest a presentation that focuses on the question ..how do we start getting church leaders and their congregations to LISTEN, Learn. I have some ideas. I am starting but need ideas

01:46:42 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "Where is the global ..."

Of all the people and churches in the world with blood on their hands, it would be the COE

01:46:51 Elice Higginbotham: <https://afsc.org/divest> - American Friends Service Committee has an excellent BDS program, with research capability, program possibilities, a treasure-trove of information. Go to the website, you can find a list, as well as research on corporations and their relationships with Israel.

01:47:39 Debbie Blane: Replying to "Majority are silent!..."

There are many who are not.

01:47:42 Julie Wild: And Rabbis for Rights too . They are doing good work for others.

01:47:55 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Replying to "We would like to ask..."

A lot of people are just using that question to block actual conversation. It's not REALLY a question. It's a way to attempt to corner someone. I recommend directing those people to following Palestinians, and people like Munther. If people REALLY want to learn, there are many resources there and they may benefit from a little direction. You can not DO THE WORK for someone who is convinced of their idea and not genuinely interested in learning. :-)

01:47:59 Marta Guttenberg: The Zionists chose the name on purpose

01:48:02 Maisoon Afaneh: Replying to "Majority are silent!..."

There are few who ar...

01:48:03 Sean Statzer: What are some practical ways to help make a discussion about this with christian zionists actually be productive instead of confrontational?

01:48:39 Michelle Halko: Replying to "Where is the global ..."

Phyllis — I agree, I'd also like to see similar outrage against Russia for what they're doing to Ukraine.

01:48:46 Rebecca Groff: Replying to "Dietrich Bonhoeffer..."

Prov 31:8-9

01:48:55 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "What are some practi..."

You might want to distinguish Christians from Christian Zionists. You might have better luck

01:49:10 Darlene Wildman: Yes!!!

01:49:43 Debbie Blane: Manifest Destiny and before that the Christian Doctrine of Discovery

01:49:47 RD: the Nakba started before 1948- over 100 years, not 75 see Dr.Salman Abu-Sitta's work, and his MAP of Palestine. "massacres are a weapon of ethnic cleansing" which shows just that ---plus the fact that the Zionist invasion before Israel was declared created half of all refugees.

<https://mondoweiss.net/2020/06/massacres-as-a-weapon-of-ethnic-cleansing-during-the-nakba/>

Please see also Mondoweiss recent article:

<https://mondoweiss.net/2022/11/a-palestinian-address-to-balfour-in-honor-of-truth-memory-and-justice/>

01:49:53 Lydia El-Sayegh: Replying to "Where is the global ..."

I think many of us a...

01:50:24 Sean Statzer: Replying to "What are some practi..."

@Joy Al-Sofi most christian zionists, in my experience, are simply ignorant to the truth. Many of them are sincere people who think they're following the ways of God. It's these people who I have a heart to persuade.

01:50:38 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Karlene, thank you for drawing this parallel. I think it helps many people SEE the deep-rooted, longstanding nature of these kind of dehumanizing, imperialistic mindsets

01:50:54 Charles Lamb: Some are still following Constantine's vision instead of the teaching of Jesus. Are we?

01:51:00 Joy Al-Sofi: In "The Necessity of Exile," Shaul Magid, suggests that Israel must leave Zionism behind, even as Manifest Destiny has been, or we say,

01:51:09 joseph ritacco: Yes Love is the core driver to counter theology that leads to oppression

01:51:16 Kathryn Habib: May i suggest something about western Christianity that I believe is one of the roots of this silence?

01:51:25 Lydia El-Sayegh: Replying to "Where is the global ..."  
The churches have ot...

01:51:26 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "Where is the global ..."

Can we please stick to the topic of this meeting? Not sure why we're trying to distract people from this conversation about Gaza!!!

01:51:27 Dr. Wes: Replying to "What are some practi..."

You could use articles which demonstrate what is currently happening with scriptures of Christ's teachings and ask curious questions about how we should respond in light of the teachings of Christ.

01:51:46 Nadia Kassis: Yes majority of Christians are silent, I went to so many protests and I haven't seen a single sign that says Christians against genocide while on the other hand there is a Jewish Voice for peace member in every action against genocide . This is also evident in Social Media. We should be organized, we should connect , we should have members in every state. And have unified signs , t-shirts , ... etc . We need Church leaders who address Congress and the White House. That is definitely not there and we should call it as is.

01:52:28 Rebecca Groff: Replying to "Does anyone know o..."

I contacted Churches for Middle East Prayer, which has prayer sessions too, to learn of local resources.

01:52:38 Joy Al-Sofi: Pope Francis has said what is needed, now he must do what is needed by going to Gaza and standing for peace, justice and freedom.

Please sign the petition and share widely.

<https://chnq.it/CRQ7qw4Gzn>

01:52:57 Bernie Corace: Zionism is the Golden Calf. It is idolatry. It is not Christian. It is not Judaism. Moses would be shmassing the tablets once again if he was alive today.

01:53:17 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Replying to "Does anyone know of ..."  
maybe check out this

[https://www.instagram.com/christiansforafreepalestine?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_button\\_share\\_sheet&igsh=ZDNIZDc0MzIxNw==](https://www.instagram.com/christiansforafreepalestine?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet&igsh=ZDNIZDc0MzIxNw==)

01:53:22 Lydia El-Sayegh: Replying to "What are some practi..."  
Share personal stori...

01:53:27 Sean Statzer: Reacted to "maybe check out this..." with ❤️

01:53:30 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Replying to "Yes majority of Chri..."  
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[https://www.instagram.com/christiansforafreepalestine?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_button\\_share\\_sheet&igsh=ZDNIZDc0MzIxNw==](https://www.instagram.com/christiansforafreepalestine?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet&igsh=ZDNIZDc0MzIxNw==)

01:53:47 Claire Matthews: My church fully supports Palestinian rights. We write and call our representatives & President but we are throwing pebbles at bombs.

01:53:55 Rebecca Groff: Replying to "Does anyone know o..."

<https://cmep.org/>

01:54:02 Barry Speert: Anybody here know Hebrew? An honest reading of Torah provides support for indigenous peoples.

01:54:10 Darlene Wildman: Thank you Jonathan!

01:54:11 Jennifer Porter: Anyone else struggle with disappointment and dissonance within prayer circles? There is silence or one sided often ? Intercession and the Holy Spirit is huge.

01:54:17 Nick Bloor: To love like Jesus commands, you have to love those you don't look like you (or love you) .. (Luke 6).

The Jews in Israel look like the West... And there are Bible scriptures which can be interpreted to back up this love in a pro Zionist way..

The problem is Jesus says love your enemies. Love those who hate you.... This creates a picture where there is no room for us not to love anybody. We are called to Love all people, especially those who don't look like us

01:54:27 Nadia Kassis: Replying to "Yes majority of Chri..."  
Thanks ! Yes I saw this group, I hope they grow

01:54:32 Pauline Coffman: It shouldn't surprise us that the church is not unified. Jesus encountered that in his time on earth and we encounter it now. Thanks for pointing that out, Fahed and Shane and others. Matthew 25 is more and more my touchstone for what is right. It may not save me or many others, but Jesus stayed with that message regardless. So should we.

01:54:34 Rebecca Groff: Replying to "Does anyone know o..."

Correction: Churches for Middle East Peace, which has virtual prayer sessions weekly

01:54:36 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Replying to "Anyone else struggle..."  
Yes. It's painful to see

01:54:45 Mary Quigley: Replying to "Is there any strateg..."

Burt, I'm Catholic and wondering the very same thing. I know that Pax Christi USA, in which I have membership, is trying to change the narrative. They have a website. I have tried to contact USCCB about these types of issues and have found no support yet.

01:55:18 Pam Johnson: Replying to "Does anyone know of ..."

<https://christiansforfreepalestine.com/join> They have a WhatsApp group that you can also join (bottom of page) to connect with people in your own area.

01:55:27 Nicholas Bartoli: It's not just revenge... its been the plan of ethnic cleansing since 1948.

01:55:28 joseph ritacco: Zionism was initially a secular, NOT a religious movement. Many Jewish leaders across the spectrum disagreed with the movement. Some felt it was blasphemy. Over the course of the 20th Century as the reality of Israel changed, attitudes have become more supportive ...

01:55:30 Allie Perry: Walter Wink argued that the dominant religion in the US is the "myth of redemptive violence." He was so right.

01:55:32 Gloria Switzer: "My Congressman is a "Christian" and always defends Israel's war in Gaza with "Israel had the right to defend itself."

01:56:12 John-Otto Liljenstolpe: The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia has a bishop's Committee that would be willing to reach out to other dioceses to encourage something similar in their diocese. Contact:

<https://ecww.org/diocesan-ministries/committees-and-commissions/episcopal-bishops-committee-israel-palestine/> or write me @ Jotto15@gmail.com

01:56:12 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "Zionism was initiall..."  
Actually the majority of Jews opposed Zlonism.

01:56:24 Jonathan Coulter: A message here from Jonathan Coulter, Secretary of CAMPAIGN UK, 'the Campaign Against Misrepresentation in Public Affairs, Information and the News' in the UK. We are a secular group with a strong Christian contingent. We have been lobbying Archbishop Justin Welby and the Church of England General Synod to take a more robust position on the Gaza Conflict. Unlike some other groups we have pivoted our campaigning on "Israel's ethnic cleansing project" that can be traced back to the writings of Theodor Herzl in 1895, and was endorsed by UK in 1917. It has been driving the cycle of violence ever since. We focus on this, as the cause as much as on the effect which is the suffering of people in Palestine. What do you think about our approach?

By the way, here is the latest flyer we have been distributing outside Lambeth Palace in London. <https://www.campaign.org/post/archbishop-justin-welby-where-is-your-moral-compass>. Jonathan Coulter, email: [admin@campaign.org](mailto:admin@campaign.org) .

01:56:25 Burt Vossen: Replying to "Is there any strateg..."  
I think there needs to be actions that makes it impossible for the USCCB to ignore the inconsistency in regards to this. I have some ideas for strategy and action and have been going around the Bay Area trying to find others to collaborate with. There is a priest I know of with the local Pax Christi chapter who I'll be trying to reach out to.

01:56:27 yh Patt: A Hamas Response: Respond with "criminal law" per Francesca ALBANESE, UN Special Rapporteur.

01:56:33 Caroline Schleier Cutler: Look at Walter Wink

01:56:34 Elizabeth Boubion: Nat Turner ... Hamas.... Freedom Fighters. Resistance is justified when people are occupied. How do we hold this truth along with the christian principles of non-violence?

01:56:36 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Yes, we need to break up with rule by force and hegemony.

01:56:51 Jim Trimble: Well said, Shane!

01:56:53 Carole Abumoussa: Question: Similarly, response to calls that support Hamas or calls for attacks by Hamas or supporting "the army of Muhammad"?

How do we address our discomfort internally within the movement without supporting Zionist propaganda equating anti-Zionism with antisemitism?

01:56:56 Georgina Dietz: Replying to "Anyone else struggle..."

Churches for Middle East Peace - Wednesdays at 12:30ET. Maybe you'd like to visit and see what you think of their prayer time.

01:57:04 George Marx: Read and research Hamas also - see:

<https://www.georgemarx.org/2024/02/hamas-contained-tareq-baconis-excellent.html>

01:57:28 Alan Binnie, Spokane Washington: Great response, Shane!

01:57:39 Maisoon Afaneh: They are just repeating hasbara lies

01:57:47 Randall Heyn-Lamb: Replying to "A Hamas Response: R..."

Exactly. Ask if there was a killer hiding in a neighborhood of your city, would the police be justified in destroying the entire neighborhood?

01:57:48 Kristi L: Replying to "is there a chance we..."

White Awake also offers a course for organizing for Gaza

01:58:14 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "A message here from ..."

Don't overlook the fact that the entire idea of "A land without people, for a people without land," came from Rev. Alexander Keith, COE, in 1839

01:58:16 Caroline Schleier Cutler: Sorry I pressed send too early... Look at Walter Wink's analysis of eye for an eye and Jesus' response to turn the other cheek. As Shane would probably agree Jesus is not asking us not to resist.

01:58:28 peter2: If we accept the theory that Hamas is the epitome of evil, then that means that we should help and not harm the majority of the people living in Gaza because they are its greatest victims.

01:58:30 Erika Mendoza: We hear a lot about lobbyist influencing policy against Palestine, are there any lobby groups doing the opposite?

Also, what's next? Do y'all have any next steps to stay in contact and organize with fellow believers on this call? I follow Shane and Rev Munther on instagram but no one else.

Thanks.

01:58:51 Rosemarie Pace: Replying to "Is there any strateg..."

Yes, those of us in Pax Christi have been asked to write to our bishops to sign a letter calling for an end to the violence. SOME signed, but a very small percentage. Many simply said they don't sign statements. They use the excuse not to be "political." I suspect they are simply afraid of the controversy, don't want to lose donors, and don't have the courage to TEACH what would counter the opinions and ignorance of those donors.

01:59:13 Lydia El-Sayegh: Replying to "We hear a lot about ..."

Connect with the gaz...

01:59:18 Alia Braaten: Would you recommend that we have any conversation about Hamas or anything related to this struggle without discussing OCCUPATION first. Seems like many were unaware! Due to media twisting and hiding the truth....

01:59:26 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "Is there any strateg..."

ANERA has resources for supporting Palestinians

01:59:31 Lydia El-Sayegh: Replying to "We hear a lot about ..."

Going to our elected...

01:59:36 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: Replying to "is there a chance we..."

@Kristi L thanks. I was just curious to know where that particular course was happening, because I've been an educator and it sounds great - just encouraging to know it exists

01:59:52 Shannon Pickard: Palestinians tried nonviolent resistance for years. The great March of return was met with more violence. Peaceful protesters were shot by Israelis and silence by the whole world and zero change

I don't agree with unarmed civilians being killed but I think that Palestinians in Gaza were left with no other options except armed resistance

01:59:52 Burt Vossen: Replying to "Is there any strateg..."

I don't know that the letter writing will be particularly effective. My idea is more in the lines of encampments/hunger strikes at cathedrals that the bishops cannot ignore, accompanied by a list of demands.

01:59:52 Jesse Wheeler FOSNA: Replying to "We hear a lot about ..."

[www.fosna.org](http://www.fosna.org), also @fosnalive on social media

02:00:18 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "We hear a lot about ..."

Palestine Nexus is a great resource

02:00:25 Michael Bradley: It is outrageous that Mike Johnson and Chuck Schumer are inviting Benjamin Netanyahu to speak to a joint session of Congress, but they haven't invited any Palestinian to speak to a joint session of Congress.

02:00:40 Rebecca Groff: I appreciate virtual prayer sessions hosted by Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)

02:00:46 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "It is outrageous tha..."

Not surprising.

02:00:49 Jennifer Porter: Replying to "Anyone else struggle..."

Sorry, my texting was a bit confusing. Thanks for the info! We really need a FRESH and grand outpouring of the Spirit this Pentecost!!

02:00:51 apartheid-free.org: Your church or faith community can stand against Israeli apartheid by signing the Apartheid-Free pledge: [www.apartheid-free.org](http://www.apartheid-free.org)

02:01:02 Carole Abumoussa: Replying to "They are just repe..."

Unfortunately there are Arabs within protests that do that.

02:01:15 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "It is outrageous tha..."

Unfortunately, there's nothing new here! 😞

02:02:17 George Marx: If you want to understand Israeli Law - look at Noura Erakat (law professor Rutgers Law School): Justice for Some: Law and the Question of Palestine - interview: <https://www.georgemarx.org/2024/02/palestine-important-noura-erakat.html>

02:02:41 peter2: Replying to "Would you recommend ..."

You need to be prepared for the standard response that Israel ended its occupation of Gaza 18 years ago.

02:02:46 Tracey Craigon: I would like to hear from the speakers how / where this Gaza genocide from Israel / US is shown in the Bible.

02:02:48 RD: Replying to "Nat Turner ... Hamas....."

YES!! thank you for speaking the truth. Hamas has a right to exist, it is not considered an illegal entity, they were elected, one person, one vote. the US and Israel didn't want them in and put in the PA in the West Bank.

02:02:59 Martin Levisen: Christians for a Free Palestine is actively and prominently rising against Christian Zionism. We staged a closure of the US Senate cafeteria as US policy used starvation as a weapon. Your passion, your voice and your courage are needed as we continue to address Zionism.

<https://christiansforafreepalestine.com/about>

02:03:13 Ronald Bettag: To achieve "a day after", we must start today to build a framework for 'peace through development' in the context of a new Security and Development Architecture

The Oasis PLaN Conference 90 minute video:

<https://schillerinstitute.com/blog/2024/04/16/urgent-call-for-peace-through-development-the-oasis-plan>

On Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TvJt6nIYpl&t=5005s>

In light of the immediate and escalating crisis in the so-called "Middle East", please explore and comment on "The Oasis Plan."

This initiative proposes peace through economic development, including infrastructure projects to transform the region from one of conflict and war, to a hub of connectivity, with economic viability for future generations. Ron Bettag

If the link above fails to transmit, one can find it on the Schiller Institute homepage. [schillerinstitute.com](http://schillerinstitute.com)

02:03:15 Mary Quigley: Replying to "Is there any strateg..."

@Burt Vossen yes do reach out to Pax Christi with your ideas!

02:03:19 Shane Claiborne: Please follow us at Red Letter Christians:

[www.RedLetterChristians.org](http://www.RedLetterChristians.org)

02:03:19 Phoebe Knopf: I hope we can keep meeting in the future to address the blocks to sincere Western and European Christian solidarity with Palestinians

02:03:26 Rebecca Groff: Shukran! Thank you!

02:03:27 Bernie Corace: As I tell my children they exist because as an American I could be raised Christian in Michigan and create a family with their Jewish family in California. This right of movement and association is deigned to all residents of Palestine/Israel for the sake of Zionism.

02:03:33 Jo Ann Wacker Farrand: Thank you everyone for an illuminating and challenging conversations

02:03:37 Shane Claiborne: Grateful to everyone.

02:03:44 Jennifer Porter: Replying to "Anyone else struggle..."

The importance of prayer is huge- contemplative, liturgical, intercessory, healing prayer .

Majority of these spaces are not welcoming to passionate Matt 25, Justice minded Jesus lovers

02:03:48 Darlene Wildman: My heart breaks for the Native American Christians who have become Zionist and see the Israeli settlements as the people taking the land back. Opposite of the reality. These are some of the ones at the Native American Embassy in Jerusalem.

02:04:02 peter2: Replying to "It is outrageous tha..."

As Nancy Pelosi said in 2018, if the Capitol were to crumble to the ground, the only thing left would be Congressmembers' support for Israel.

02:04:06 George Marx: Thanks for the Webinar and all attendees! From a Jew who cares!

02:04:19 Michael Bradley: I thank God for the indigenous people who still live in the U.S. and Canada and Australia!

02:04:21 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "I would like to hear..."  
Netanyahu is now referring to Palestinians as the Amaleks.

02:04:38 Georgina Dietz: Replying to "Anyone else struggle..."  
Christians for Middle East Peace - Wednesdays at 12:30pm ET - on Zoom. Sign up to register at CMEP website.

02:04:39 Amani Baskeyfield: Replying to "I would like to hear..."  
...to justify their murder

02:04:39 Phoebe Knopf: Thank you so much for this precious webinar.

02:04:43 Joy Al-Sofi: Replying to "Nat Turner ... Hamas....."

@RD The West supported HAMAS to separate the Palestinians. The people of Gaza supported them because it had been working in Gaza as a charity,

02:04:45 Rebecca Groff:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs%2031%3A8-10&version=VOICE>

02:04:50 Laura Hoekstra: Thank you for this important space.

02:04:51 Darlene Wildman: Thank you brothers and sisters

02:04:52 Nicholas Bartoli: I'm feeling very disappointed: I thought I'd be able to connect with local Christians

02:04:56 Verónica FLACHIER: Amén from Ecuador

02:04:58 Eva: Thank you

02:05:00 Jane Argall: Thank you!

02:05:01 Emily Via: Amen, thank you all for these important words

02:05:03 Nadia Kassis: Thank you so much! Beautiful prayer

02:05:06 Dawn Bulchandani, PhD Student: thank you!

02:05:07 Paul and Laurie Hanawalt: thx everyone

02:05:07 Laylin Chong: Where can we find the recording?

02:05:08 Kira Fisher: Thank you all for this space

02:05:09 yh Patt: thank you Karlene!!!!

02:05:13 Jyotsna Kapur: thank you

02:05:13 Brooklyn Hopkins: thank you! May we be unmuted!

02:05:14 Maisoon Afaneh: Thank you all

02:05:16 Eileen Wright: Wonderful thank you

02:05:17 Rebecca Wilk: Thank you.

02:05:17 Joy Al-Sofi: Can people find a way to connect with each other who wants to?

02:05:18 Brooklyn Hopkins: ?

02:05:21 Alia Braaten: Grateful!!!

02:05:21 Carole Abumoussa: Thank you everyone. Free Palestine!

02:05:23 Yousef Aljamal: Thank you

02:05:28 Rosemarie Pace: Thank you.

02:05:29 Joshua S.: Thank you!!

02:05:29 Diana Greene: Please let us know when the recording is available

02:05:31 Brooklyn Hopkins: Can we be unmuted?

02:05:33 David Halko: Replying to "I'm feeling very dis..."

Yes

02:05:39 Brooklyn Hopkins: may we be unmuted