



As the situation in Palestine becomes increasingly dire, it is important that we advocate for peace and justice. However, it can be hard to know how to do so. Mennonite Action and MennoPIN (outlined below) are just two of the organizations providing opportunities to work for peace and justice in Palestine.

### **Mennonite Action**

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## People of God's Peace

Mennonite Action is a group of Mennonites taking action for peace in our world. This group is mobilizing Mennonites and Anabaptists across Canada and the U.S. to demand a ceasefire and a stop to Western funding of Israel's occupation in Gaza. Their nonviolent protests are based on values of peace, justice, mutual aid, community, and service, and focus on resisting violence everywhere–including (and especially) violence perpetrated by the U.S. and Canada's governments.

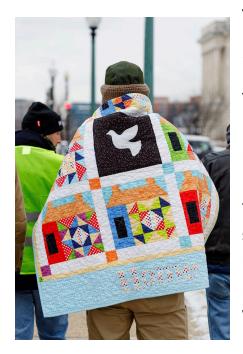
### **Call to Action**

"We are calling on Mennonites to take bold, public action to force our elected representatives to stop supporting and funding this unjust war, to end the occupation of Palestine, and to advocate for a political solution that honors the lives of both Palestinians and Israelis."

Mennonite Action believes that as Mennonites, we are called to be peacemakers. In this work, they are drawing on over 60



years of peace work in Palestine, through groups such as Mennonite Central Committee, Community Peacemaker Teams, MennoPIN, as well as the <u>MCUSA commitment</u> to opposing both Israel's military occupation of Palestine and anti-semitism. Their work includes calling on elected officials to stop funding attacks on Gaza and advocate for a ceasefire, participating in protests led by Jewish and Arab-American allies, and holding nonviolent protests such as hymn sings.



#### Their Goals

"Our immediate goal is a ceasefire. Our long-term goal is a political solution that brings about peace."

In times of tragedy, they strive to act in solidarity with those impacted, recalling the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." They are calling on Mennonites to be friends who refuse to remain silent. They believe that as Anabaptist citizens of Western nations, we have the responsibility to use our disproportionately high amount of political power for peace. They aim to achieve this through solidarity with other groups calling for a ceasefire, such as Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Central Committee, and Mennonite Church Canada.

## Join the Movement

There are many ways to contribute to this movement, from signing petitions to calling representatives to participating in peaceful protests.

You can get involved by:

Joining the weekly phonebank, to make calls to your local representative, demanding they call for
a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. Sign up at: <a href="https://www.mennoniteaction.org/action-hours">https://www.mennoniteaction.org/action-hours</a>
Signing the Canadian petition calling for a permanent ceasefire. Sign the petition at:
https://www.mennoniteaction.org/canada-petition
Following Mennonite Action on social media to stay informed, at "mennoniteaction"
Participating in upcoming hymn sings for a ceasefire

# The Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN)

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#### **Mission Statement**

"We believe that Christ calls us to work for peace, justice, and reconciliation in the world. The land of Palestine/Israel is in many ways a microcosm of our world, ancient and modern. The conflict in that small area fuels mistrust and violence throughout the region and the entire globe. For these reasons we feel specifically called to pray and work for peace in that holy land. We commit ourselves to follow the model of Christ, speaking and acting boldly yet non-violently, with love as our guide. We are an inclusive and anti-racist network. We stand opposed to Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, all forms of racism, and any other expressions of bigotry directed at any person or group."



## **History of Mennonite Involvement**

For over 60 years, Mennonites have been working with Palestinians and Israelis for peace, in the wake of Palestinian dispossession and displacement. Mennonite Central Committee has worked to provide aid since 1949, developed friendships with Palestinian churches, and supported the work of both Palestinians and Israelis committed to peace, justice, and reconciliation.

### More about MennoPIN

Menno PIN was formed in 2013, with the goal of joining with people of faith around the world to advocate for peace and justice in Palestine and Israel. They have created a <u>study guide</u> for Mennonite congregations and guided tours that are designed to educate North American Anabaptists. These tours allow people to learn about the Holy Lands and meet Palestinians and Israelis who are working for justice in Palestine. They also work to amplify the call made by 170 Palestinian organizations in 2005, for <u>boycott</u>, <u>divestment</u>, <u>and sanctions</u>, intended to bring about change in Palestine.

## **Get Involved**

There are many ways to get involved with the work of MennoPIN, including:

	Participating in one of their learning tours to Paliestine: <u>Learning Tours – MennoPIN</u>
	Donating to help plant Olive Trees for Peace in Palestine:
	https://mennopin.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/olive-tree-fundraiser-flyer.pdf
	Donating broadly to the work of MennoPIN: <a href="http://www.mennopin.org/donate">http://www.mennopin.org/donate</a>
П	Joining their mailing list to stay un-to-date: http://eenurl.com/balHMr

