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**Task Force for Palestinian Human Rights**

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Activities Report

- Published revised mission statement. Ctrl+Click to read statement [TffphrWhoWhatWhy](#)
- Offered an educational four Zoominar series for Diocese of Oregon, laity, clergy & staff.
- Group letter to President Biden thanking him for restoring UNWRA funding before he restored them. UNRWA funding was restored.
- Group letter to President Biden disapproving of the U.S. providing an additional \$1 billion for Israel to re-arm itself on top of the \$3.8 billion it already received from the U.S. annually.
- Prepared document titled, "HOW DID WE GET HERE? WHAT'S GOING ON IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE". Brief one page summary from Theodor Hertzl's Zionism in 1897, concluding with the U.S. complicity in the Zionist initiative. [Congressional Research Service](#)
- Prepared long and short resource lists for the 76 who registered for the Zoominar series.
- Individual letters and phone calls to the president, senators, and house members.

2021 Goals Progress

- Rewrote Mission Statement
- Expanded beyond Portland area by converting to Zoom Meetings & Zoominars.
- Influenced politicians through individual and group letter writing and phone calling.
- Provided educational/resource materials complimenting Zoominar series
- Provided summary document explaining US complicity in Israel's Zionist initiative.

2022 Goals

- Expand Diocesan tffphr committee participation
- Collaborate with Episcopal Peace Fellowship Palestine Israel Network at Episcopal Church 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention in Baltimore, Maryland
- Partner with Christian, Jewish and Islamic groups.
- Expand lobbying efforts toward United States government.
- Continue Education Zoominars within the Diocese of Oregon