

Report of the Israel Palestine Resource Group of NEYM  
(under the care of the Permanent Board)  
September 21, 2024

The I-PRG meets monthly to review and propose programs and to provide support for individuals, meetings and other Quaker groups looking for resources and consultation. We offered a workshop at Living Faith and several at annual sessions, featuring Jennifer Bing of AFSC's Palestine Program and Alex MacDonald of Houston Friends Meeting on how to engage with supporters of Israel about the situation in Palestine. That workshop was recorded and is available on our resource page <https://neym.org/israel-palestine-resources-engagement> Under "How to Have Successful Conversations About Israel and Palestine".

We also worked closely with the FUM Committee and Quakers Advocating Justice for Palestine in co-sponsoring several "lunch and learns" and a workshop with Head of Ramallah Friends School, Rania Mayeesh.

We have received inquiries from several meetings about follow up to these workshops; and we rely on the weekly updates from AFSC on Fridays at 12 noon Eastern for reliable information and suggestions for action.

<https://afsc.org/actionhour?emci=05cf4646-8374-ef11-991a-6045bda8aae9&emdi=4c9d70da-9074-ef11-991a-6045bda8aae9&ceid=252787> to register.

At annual sessions, Friends approved using October 6, World Quaker Day to engage in peace actions and vigils at the monthly meeting and worship group levels; to engage with our elected federal officials to urge an immediate ceasefire and return of all hostages, to reinstate and increase funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency <https://www.unrwa.org/> which was eliminated earlier this year and to call for an end to the sale of all weapons to all countries in the region, including Israel, pursuant to our Minute of 2017, reaffirmed in 2019 and again this year,

[https://neym.org/sites/default/files/2021-07/YM%20Minutes%202017-46%20and%202019-36\\_0.pdf](https://neym.org/sites/default/files/2021-07/YM%20Minutes%202017-46%20and%202019-36_0.pdf)

We are including a report from Linden Jenkins, former presiding clerk, currently in East Jerusalem as part of our report [☰ Palestine Update from L. Jenkins](#). Please hold her in the Light, as well as the many aid workers and peace makers in the region.

We honor the work and engagement of so many, including our former members, Molly Cornell of West Falmouth and Amelia Marstaller of Durham and respectfully request the appointment of Robert Watt of Providence and Virginia Kristl of Dover to the Resource Group.

In peace,  
Leslie Manning, Durham  
on behalf of the IPRG

Skip Schiel and Christel Jorgensen, Friends Meeting at Cambridge