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WITH DIGNITY AND SHOW  
THEM THAT AMERICAN  
CHRISTIANS CARE**

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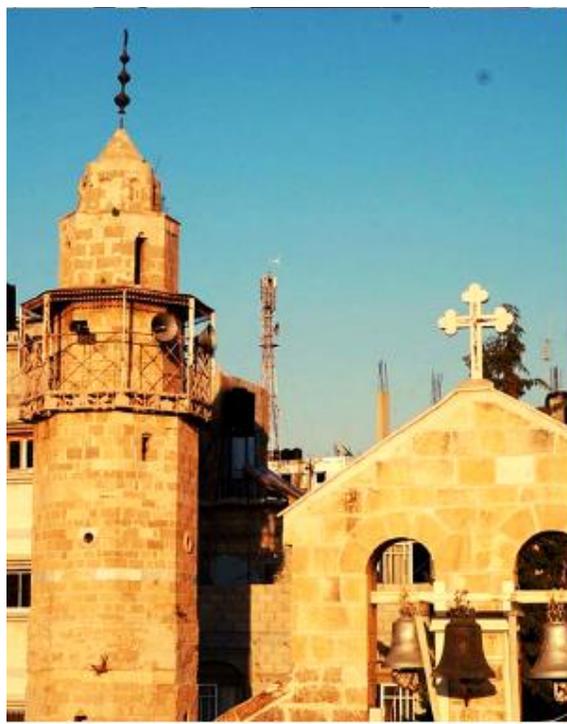
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In August 2018, the United States government decided to terminate humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people. This withholding of vital humanitarian aid as a tool of foreign policy is already resulting in untold harm to a vulnerable population, especially refugee children.

As Palestinian Christians, we believe in the dignity of all people and that it is our duty to stand in solidarity with those suffering from injustice, as Jesus taught us.

PCAP calls on people of conscience to show that Americans will not condone a policy that punishes innocent refugees to serve political purposes.



**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT  
FOR CHRISTIANS TO  
SUPPORT THE  
PALESTINIANS IN  
THE HOLY LAND?  
an initiative of the  
Palestinian Christian Alliance  
For Peace (PCAP)**



## PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE FOR PEACE

PCAP is a nonsectarian, ecumenical alliance of Palestinian American Christians who seek to provide a clear voice and presence in faith communities in the United States.

We believe that peace requires justice, affirming that Palestinians are entitled to human rights and the right to self-determination.

**Americans cannot make an exception  
on justice and freedom for Palestine**

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**LET'S CONNECT!**

PCAP greatly welcomes opportunities for us to visit your church or faith community to present our Christian perspective on issues of peace and justice in the cradle of our faith.

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ALLIANCE FOR PEACE

Until 2018, the United States was the largest donor to UNRWA, accounting for about 30% of the Agency's budget. But as of 2018, in a cruel move, Washington cut its funding to UNRWA and other humanitarian organizations in the Holy Land, including those supported by churches from all over the world. This cut has created a massive funding crisis and will lead to the closure of many schools and clinics. Palestinian society is already under severe stress due to decades of conflict and Israeli military occupation. Massive cuts in humanitarian assistance will aggravate this stress among all members of Palestinian society. It will also threaten to wipe out the fast dwindling Palestinian Christian community, the oldest in the world.



Are we ready for the day when the churches of the Holy Land will cease to be the places of worship of these indigenous Christians? Will their ancient living churches become spiritless museums?

## WHO ARE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES?

Millions of Palestinians, who constitute the largest and longest suffering refugee community in the world, depend on UNRWA for vital health and education services, food assistance, vocational training, and jobs.

Since 1948, over half the Palestinian population was driven out of their hometowns and villages, which fell under the control of the newly created State of Israel. Despite international consensus, enshrined in multiple United Nations resolutions, Palestinian refugees were not allowed to return to their homes.

To respond to their specific plight, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) was created in 1949. When the Agency began operations in 1950, it served a population of 750,000 refugees - - including Palestinian Muslims and

Christians. Today, that number has increased to more than 5 million.

- UNRWA teaches more than 526,000 refugee children in the largest and one of the highest achieving public school systems in the Middle East.
- UNRWA operates 143 primary health facilities, with nearly 9 million annual patient visits.