

# PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 2024

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

### PRESBYTERIANS FOR A BETTER GEORGIA EVENTS

**Tuesday, February 6 7-8:30PM**

Virtual Advocacy Training

**Wednesday February 7**

Day at the Georgia Capitol to End the  
Death Penalty

**Tuesday March 5**

Lobby Day for PBG State Capitol

<https://www.p4bg.org/events>

## General Assembly 2024: Action Needed!

Several congregations and presbyteries  
are supporting

"An Overture Calling for Action so that  
Children May Live Free from Gun  
Violence."

Can your church session act in the near  
future on this overture, sending it to your  
presbytery to act?

Let us know if you have questions or if  
your church is taking action [HERE](#). Also,  
please let us know if you are a  
commissioner to GA in 2024.

### SAVE THIS DATE

**May 28 – June 6, 2024**

**[Exploring the Legacies and  
Lessons of the Civil Rights  
Movement in the US South:](#)**

*A Pilgrimage to Birmingham,  
Montgomery, Selma, Jackson, the  
Mississippi Delta and Memphis*

### *From The Chair...*

Atlanta Presbytery Partnership for Peace and Global Witness...

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
*MARY MARGRET*  
*"PEGGY" HENDRIX*  
*May 8, 1943- Oct 11, 2023*

Peggy took early retirement, so she could work on issues  
of peace and justice, working with **Georgians for  
Alternatives to the Death Penalty**. She drove families of  
death row inmates to prison, so they could visit their  
loved ones.

*Thank you, Peggy. Your life is a witness to living  
Christianity to its fullest*

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**Georgians For Alternatives  
to the Death Penalty**



<https://www.gfadp.org/>

**GFADP IS WORKING TO END CAPITAL  
PUNISHMENT IN GEORGIA AND AROUND THE  
WORLD. WE ARE A STRONG, DIVERSE,  
STATEWIDE, GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT  
WHICH:**

- Opposes individual executions;
- Supports legislative initiatives aimed  
at reducing the application of the  
death penalty until it is ultimately  
abolished;
- Protects the humanity of individuals  
on death row;
- Educates our fellow Georgians about  
the death penalty;
- Provides concrete action steps for  
individuals and groups.

## Changing map of Palestinian State 1947-UN partition to 2023



### History of Conflict

*For centuries there was no conflict*  
Palestine in 19<sup>th</sup> century was inhabited by a multicultural population-86% Muslim, 10% Christian, 4% Jewish living in peace.

### Rise of Zionists

These are the extremists of the Jewish minority wanting to create a homeland. During Hitler's reign, they migrated to Palestine where conflict grew.

### UN Partition-1947

UN gave Zionists 55% of Palestine as a Jewish State.

Zionists pushed boundaries through violence taking more land through multiple wars ....goal is to exterminate the Palestinian people in the middle east-Under this influence there will be

**NO  
2 STATE SOLUTION**

## TRIANGLE OF CENTRAL AMERICA



### PCUSA INITIATIVE ON THE WELFARE OF CENTRAL AMERICAN MISSIONS

In 2014, the Reformed Calvinist Church of El Salvador (IRCES) embraced Christ's call to welcome the stranger, supporting unaccompanied minors deported to El Salvador, and later launching a shelter for returned migrants and internally displaced persons. But the church's vision goes beyond providing shelter, and yearns to transform our reality and address the root causes of migration. This vision is to make known the kin-dom of God through community development, respect for human rights, and a sense of rootedness and fellowship. Together, we can collaborate on migration issues in North and Central America to impact government policies, connect projects that support migrants, and integrate people into the social fabric.

In 2018, the PC(USA) committed to join our siblings in Central America and establish a mission network on migration in northern Central America. The day has now come to build this fellowship of leaders who believe in a God of life who desires welcome for migrants and who opposes the violence and poverty that forces them to flee their homes. From March 19-27, 2024, in San Salvador, El Salvador, IRCES will bring together organizations from Central and North America to launch this mission network. Together, we will learn from one another about migration, strengthen professional ties and fellowship, and advocate for change in public policy.

The 2022 report "Seeking Hope Amid Despair in Central America" calls on us:  
"As our partners strive to reopen springs of hope, we whose lives are entwined with theirs seek to attend to both cries of lamentation and signs of the life-giving Spirit in our midst."

Through the birth of this mission network, we respond to these cries and "join the call of prophets and martyrs" to resist the "sinful status quo" that hurts our migrant siblings.