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Dear Friend of IFPB,

Thanks to the enthusiastic support of friends such as you, Interfaith Peace-Builders is building an ever-stronger community dedicated to achieving justice in Israel/Palestine. Our work cannot continue without contributions from people who are passionately committed to the vision of justice in Israel/Palestine.

You helped sustain our work with an important financial gift in the past, but it's been 12 months or more since we heard from you and we miss you, as well as your crucial support. ***Could you please consider renewing and possibly increasing your contribution today?***

Let me tell you what we plan to do with your support – and why I'm depending on you to help keep IFPB's trail-blazing work for justice going strong.

I've been working at IFPB for almost eight years and I can tell you I've never been more excited about our opportunities to continue sending innovative delegations to Israel/Palestine and strengthening movements for justice in North America. Here's why I'm so hopeful:

- Interest in IFPB delegations grows every year. ***More and more people want to hear and spread the message of Israeli and Palestinian peace advocates.***
- Our groundbreaking advocacy work prepares delegates to leverage the delegation experience to educate others. We've just added post-delegation ***skills-building webinars that make it easier for delegates to connect with movement leaders and get the tools they need*** to work for change.
- Our dedicated, hard-working Board of Directors met in February and refined a series of plans to secure our future. ***Keep reading for details on an exciting initiative to build more regional connections among IFPB delegates and take our work to the next stage.***
- Khader Adnan and several other Palestinian administrative detainees have stirred the conscience of the world. You already know there is active nonviolent resistance going on every day, but these hunger strikers are powerful reminders of the need to redouble our efforts. ***The time is ripe to share their stories here while building movements for justice in Israel/Palestine.***

Here's why IFPB could really use ***your renewed help*** for the future.

We've grown tremendously in the past few years. When I started in 2004, 120 people had participated in an IFPB delegation; now almost 700 delegates have made the journey!

To respond to the new opportunities of having so many delegates doing so much good work, we've come up with a creative plan to foster **IFPB regional networks**. Our plan envisions more delegate-to-delegate contact, more opportunities for delegates and allies to work directly with IFPB and, ultimately, more intentional commitment to furthering the advocacy work that delegations catalyze.

Delegate experience and skills will be shared more broadly. Our staff and board will help sustain those important person-to-person contacts that build enthusiasm, multiply strength, and foster lifetime commitment. Delegate networks around the country will recruit potential delegates, help support them on return, and help us identify resources to make it all possible. Most importantly, delegates will learn from each other, sharing the experiences, skills, and organizing strategies that will enrich our collective work toward the goal of a just peace in Israel/Palestine.

These steps toward a re-imagined and more connected community take time, hard work and financial resources. Building this network requires even more personal contact with former delegates and better online organizing tools. We know this is an essential investment in broadening IFPB's base so that, together, we can increase our contributions to the movement for justice and peace in Israel/Palestine.

Can you support this investment in our future with a contribution today? Please consider making the largest gift within your means to kick-start this effort.

In mid-April I'll be finalizing our budget for next fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2012. We depend on individual donations for over **60%** of our annual budget. Your contribution by April 20 will give all of us more confidence as we plan for next year's delegations and as we get to work on regional networks. **Please give what you can today!**

With my heartfelt thanks for your past support and my hope that you will again share a special contribution with us,

Mike

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PS: We stand on your shoulders. Over 60% of our funding comes from individual donors like you. Please renew your support today!!