## INTERFAITH PEACE-BUILDERS





#### Milestones...

96 delegates on 4 delegations to Palestine / Israel supported by \$30,000 in scholarships More than 450 postdelegation education and advocacy impacts including media, speaking, and organizing

Over 1000 delegates and 52 delegations to Palestine / Israel since 2000



# **2014 YEAR-END NEWSLETTER**

### **OUR 2014 DELEGATIONS**

In recent years, AIPAC and other resourced Zionist groups have ramped up outreach to African Americans and other people of color in an attempt to legitimize Israeli government policies. Despite this reality, a vibrant citizens-led movement for justice in Palestine/Israel is growing, and since 2008 IFPB has been at the forefront of organizing delegations designed to lift up the joint struggles against racism here at home and in Israel.

Growing out of two previous 'People of Color' delegations and two African Heritage delegations, **the third African Heritage delegation traveled this October with 16 activists, educators, journalists, and community organizers.** Here are reflections from two members of the delegation:

<sup>66</sup> IFPB does so much more than introduce people to what's going on in Palestine. The organization has created this incredible support system for people who have all the energy and desire to make a difference but maybe don't have all the tools necessary for this to happen. I am incredibly thankful for this.
**99** African Heritage delegate Josette Souza





<sup>6</sup> My IFPB delegation was a life-changing experience. Every day of our trip was jam-packed with visits and meetings, allowing us to make the most of our time and each experience was rewarding in it's own way.

As a working journalist, I already had a foundation, but my perception was shaped by mainstream media reports. My experience allowed me to develop a real, concrete understanding and also sparked a new desire within me to continue to work in the U.S. to spread a more accurate narrative of what is happening in Israel/Palestine. **99** 

- African Heritage delegate Terese Jordan

With our May and Olive Harvest delegations, Interfaith Peace-Builders has sent **50 delegations and 1000 delegates to Palestine/Israel** - seeding the growing Palestine solidarity movement with engaged and knowledgeable activists, organizers and media-makers.



May 2014 - 50th delegation!



October 2014 - 1000th delegate!

### **MAJOR IFPB ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2014**

**January:** 28 People join IFPB delegation cosponsored by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

#### March: First-ever IFPB staff retreat in California

June: Presbyterian Church-USA passes selective divestment measure with more than 30 IFPB delegates in attendance, who play a crucial role in winning the close vote for divestment



October: 27 People travel on annual Olive Harvest delegation including IFPB's 1000th DELEGATE! February: More than \$7,000 awarded in scholarship funds to IFPB delegates



May: 25 People travel on 'Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders' delegation -IFPB'S 50th DELEGATION!

**July & August:** We heard from more than 70 delegates who organized 200+ events, speeches, & articles in response to the Israeli assault on Gaza

Throughout Summer & Fall: IFPB delegates lead regional divestment resolutions in the Methodist & UCC churches in Ohio, Connecticut & New Hampshire

September & October: IFPB delegates play roles in organizing & speaking at US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, Open Hillel & Students for Justice in Palestine-National conferences

October: Third African Heritage delegation travels with 16 delegates



November: Upon return, African Heritage delegates produce dozens of videos, articles & interviews

All Year: Throughout the year, IFPB delegates have been featured in numerous interviews & articles & have written op/eds & letters to the editor. This year, delegates have been in the New York Times, LA Times, Ebony, The Chicago Tribune, The Hill, The Jewish Daily Forward & many more. In all, IFPB delegates took part in 450+ post-delegation advocacy impacts!

### **OUR DONORS & FINANCES**

#### Financial Report: July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014



#### WHY I SUPPORT IFPB

66 It gives me great pleasure to be able to give back a little of what IFPB has done for me with the Olive Harvest Delegation. Yours is a very special organization which is deserving of a loyal following. I will never forget the individuals in our delegation & the bonding that occurred among us because of our intense, emotional experiences during those ten days. I appreciate the hard work all of IFPB did to make it happen. 99

- 2014 Olive Harvest delegate and new donor Jennifer Humiston

