



Pax Christi International deplores refusal of entry of Secretary General José Henríquez into Palestine/Israel

PRESS RELEASE

Pax Christi International deeply regrets that José Henríquez, our Secretary General, is not with us in Bethlehem for our World Assembly and 70th Anniversary Celebrations.

Refused entry into Palestine/Israel by the Israeli authorities, José's absence is a great sadness to us. We fully support our Secretary General. Knowing him to be a man of integrity, we can think of no reason why he should be refused entry.

Speaking from Amman, José expressed his strong disagreement with the decision of the Israeli border officials and added: "I am living this experience in deep solidarity with the Palestinian people. This is only a small part of what they have to experience when they are denied access to East Jerusalem for medical care, family reunions and even for religious celebrations."

One-hundred and fifty Pax Christi members, from all over the world have gathered in the birthplace of Jesus, a special place of peace and good will to all, a place of deep religious significance for us and for peace in the world. Here, we will renew our commitment to Justice and Forgiveness, Peace and Justice for all.

The Pax Christi International Board

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