Media advisory

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Pilgrimages walk the length of Gaza on local trails

LOCATION (INDIGENOUS TERRITORY) – Across Canada, congregations and communities of faith are mobilizing for a just peace in Palestine and Israel by participating in local pilgrimages – walking or rolling together for all or part of 41 kilometres, which is the length of the Gaza strip, by May 13. The [Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage: Canadian Churches for Just Peace](https://www.kairoscanada.org/gaza-ceasefire-pilgrimage) is an initiative organized by [KAIROS Canada](https://www.kairoscanada.org/) and its [member churches](https://www.kairoscanada.org/who-we-are/members-steering-committee).

“The power of the pilgrimage is to allow the geography of the horror happening in Gaza to become real in our home cities,” says Jarrod McKenna, who led pilgrimages during the Lenten season.

Pilgrimages will culminate on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on May 22, where national representatives and church leaders will join for a prayer vigil and meetings with MPs, bringing calls for an immediate and sustained ceasefire and just peace in the region.

Locally, all are welcome to join for the following pilgrimage:

**WHEN:** [Date and time]

**WHERE:** [Meeting point and route]

**WHAT:** Photo opportunity or interview

**WHO: [**Name local participants and organizers]

**LOCAL QUOTE**

**BACKGROUND**

KAIROS and member churches have a long history of supporting and accompanying partners in Palestine and in Israel in their work. We amplify their calls for just peace in the region to the Canadian public and government.

The pilgrimages are part of the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage, a network of autonomous Christian groups with shared perspectives who engage in a prayerful expression of solidarity in cities around the world.

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