

TAKE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO KAIROS PALESTINE II: A MOMENT OF TRUTH

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Palestinian Christian Voices in Kairos Palestine II: A Moment of Truth

“This is the moment of truth. We affirm that what has been built upon falsehood and historical injustice can never yield peace or sustainability. True solutions begin with dismantling oppressive, racist systems. Only then can we speak of a new horizon that we dream of and long for — one in which we remain in our land together with all who dwell in it on the basis of justice, equality and equal rights, free of supremacy and domination.”

STUDY

A Congregational Study Guide for Kairos Palestine II document "A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide." This excellent resource for use with congregations, was developed by The Palestine Justice Network (PJN) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Methodists for Kairos Response (UMKR), and Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA). Particularly helpful for those new to the study of Palestine is a ten-page section entitled “Palestine 101.”

Take A Stand for the Holy Land Study Guide. Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace (PCAP) offers valuable study guides designed for churches and others to learn about the history and current realities of Christians in the Holy Land. These resources provide information for churches, groups and others designing programming to learn, witness, and act.

SOLIDARITY TOURS: COME SEE, GO AND TELL

Today we renew our appeal to Christians worldwide to challenge the siege imposed on the Christians of the Holy Land.... This is our call: “Come and see.” Then tell what you have seen, respond to it, and stand with the steadfast Church. (3.13)

Recommended Partners for Solidarity Trips to Palestine:

- **Eyewitness Palestine**
<https://eyewitnesspalestine.org/delegations>
- **Pilgrims of Ibillin**
<https://pilgrimsofibilin.org/>
Community Peacemaker Teams
<https://cpt.org/delegations>
- **Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA)**
<https://www.fosna.org/come-see-visit-the-holy-land>
- **In the Footsteps of Jesus: Tours to Palestine and Israel**
Hosted by Jeff & Janet Wright
<http://www.footstepsofjesustour.org/index.html>

ADVOCATE

“We repeat and emphasize our appeal to the churches of the world — working together with both religious and secular coalitions — to pressure their governments to isolate Israel, hold it accountable, impose sanctions, boycott it, and to ban the export of arms until it complies with international law, ends oppression and tyranny, and adheres to the principles of justice and peace.” (3.10)

Given the speed of developments internationally, regionally in the Middle East and domestically here in the US, it is often most effective to sign up for Advocacy Alerts to be sent to you directly.

Three good sources for such alerts are:

US CAMPAIGN FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS (USCPR)

USCPR Action – sign up for Action Alerts –

<https://act.uscpr.org/a/uscpr-action-signup?ms=homepage>

JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE (JVP)

JVP Actions - subscribe to The Wire - **<https://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/actions/>**

UNITED METHODISTS FOR KAIROS RESPONSE

UMKR News – subscribe - **https://umkr.salsalabs.org/umkr_subscribe/index.html**

PARTICIPATE IN THE BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS (BDS) MOVEMENT

Since the original call from Palestinians in 2005, there have been thousands of successful BDS actions around the world. United Methodists have taken successful BDS action, most recently in 2024, voting to divest from the government bonds of Israel and other occupier governments.

Learn more at:

The BDS Movement Website **<https://bdsmovement.net>**

United Methodists for Kairos Response Website section on BDS

<https://www.kairosresponse.org/chevronboycott.html>

AMPLIFY PROPHETIC JEWISH VOICES

“We therefore call on the churches of the world to distinguish between dialogue with Jews and dialogue with Zionism — indeed, to boycott dialogue with Zionist voices that have supported and continue to support occupation, apartheid and the genocide of the Palestinian people. Instead, we call upon the churches to stand with and amplify prophetic Jewish voices that call for justice and truth.” (3.12)

- Hold study groups and book studies
- Invite and promote prophetic speakers
- Show films that amplify prophetic voices

Putting ourselves in the public sphere – perhaps even to the point of engaging in civil disobedience – is a powerful way to answer Kairos Palestine’s call to “costly solidarity.”