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Plumbline: Peace for Palestine and Israel

Methodist Federation for Social Action

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“I am setting a plumbline in the midst of my people...” - Amos 7:8

Websites:

[United Methodist Kairos Response](#)

[Kairos Document](#) (Available in Multiple Languages)

[Jewish Voice for Peace](#)

[US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation](#)

[Who Profits?](#)

Blogs:

[Open Letter from a Palestinian Christian to The United Methodist Church](#)

[Divestment is Appropriate Response](#)

Video:

[From the Heart, United Methodist Missionaries Speak Out](#)

Values at Stake

In the land we call Holy, we see first-hand the need to love your neighbor. Escalation continues as an illegal settlements drive a colonialist system of oppression of the Palestinian people. No longer is a two-state solution an easy answer.

The Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) begins with the moral imperative of listening to the laments of subjugated peoples, standing in solidarity, and seeking peaceful, non-violent solutions to situations fraught with war, violence, and economic and psychological oppression.

MFSA values **listening to our Christian siblings** in Palestine who, through their Kairos Docu-

ment, have asked us, their Christian family, to engage in acts of boycott and divestment. Our United Methodist General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits has engaged in shareholder advocacy and corporate engagement for over 12 years, yet **no movement has been made** from divesting from the three largest corporations who profit from the illegal occupation of Palestine: Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions, and Hewlett-Packard.

Many faithful United Methodists hold vital concern that support of the Palestinian people and criticism of the state of Israel is equivalent to anti-Semitism. This is a false dichotomy. In fact, one of MFSA's

partners in advocacy and action is [Jewish Voice for Peace](#), a grassroots seeks an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem; security and self-determination for Israelis and Palestinians; a just solution for Palestinian refugees based on principles established in international law; an end to violence against civilians; and peace and justice for all peoples of the Middle East.

MFSA advocates for justice that will bring peace to both Israelis and Palestinians, and we firmly believe that supporting non-violent modes of justice-seeking will hasten that vision.

Key Legislation: SUPPORT

- CA 60392 : Call for Labeling of Products Produced in West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem
- CA 60415 : Saying No to Violence in Middle East Conflict
- FA 60855 : Establish a Screen to Remove and Avoid Investments in Illegal Settlements
- FA 60857 : Divest from Caterpillar, Motorola, and Hewlett Packard*
- FA 60858 : Divestment
- FA 60859 : Aligning Investments with Social Principles
- FA 60675 : Human Rights Investment Committee
- GM 60206 : Accessibility and Land Titles in West Bank
- GM 60318 : Holy Land Tours
- GM 60868 : Task Force on Israel/Palestine

Key Legislation: CAUTIOUS SUPPORT

- FA 60856 : Divest from Caterpillar
- *FA 60857 is stronger legislation

Key Legislation: DO NOT SUPPORT

- CA 60757 : Deletion of R6111
- CA 60758 : Opposition to Israeli Settlements in Palestinian Land
- CA 60860 : Saying No to Violence in Middle East Conflict
- CA 60861 : Prerequisite for Peace in Israel/Palestine
- CB 60684 : Supporting Israel
- FA 60036 : Sustainable and Responsible Investment
- FA 60038, 60761 : Investment Ethics
- FA 60580 : Consistency and Transparency in Investment Ethics
- FA 60852 : Diplomacy and Investment in Palestine
- GM 60198 : End Coalition Support
- GM 60599 : Withdraw UMC Coalition