

# "THIS IS THE KAIROS..."

RESOURCES FOR ISRAEL-PALESTINE EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

*"This is the kairos, the moment of grace and opportunity, when God issues a challenge for decisive action."*

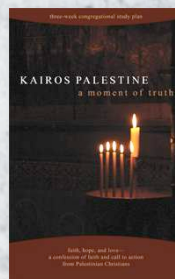
Kairos South Africa, 1985, Challenge to the Church



**Kairos Palestine: A Moment of Truth**, also called **The Kairos Palestine Document** is the "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" of our time. This confession of faith and call to action, published in 2009 by a broad spectrum of Palestinian Christian leaders, is addressed to Palestinians, Israelis, the international community--as well as all the churches of the world. It lifts up the Christian virtues of faith, hope, and love that lie at the heart of the Gospel and affirms that resistance to injustice and oppression is firmly grounded in these principles. It is both an anguished cry in a dark hour and a profound testament to unquenchable hope. Read and **download** the document and learn about the Christian movement that has grown from its launching: [kairospalestine.ps](http://kairospalestine.ps)

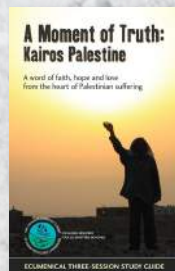


UMKR is an international peace movement in the United Methodist Church responding to the urgent call from Palestinian Christians for effective action to support a just peace in Israel-Palestine.



### Kairos Palestine Document Study Guides

From Israel Palestine Mission Network (IPMN), Presbyterian Church USA. 24-page booklet with the Kairos Palestine document and detailed lesson plans for a three-week congregational study. The historical, political, and theological context for the Kairos Palestine document. Questions to stimulate reflection and discussion. 1-19 copies: \$2.00, 20+ copies: \$1.50. **Order** at: [store.pcusa.org](http://store.pcusa.org) or 800-524-2612.



Ecumenical study guide, 47 pp., booklet similar to the one above, from the Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministries. At the core of the booklet is the Kairos Palestine document, plus important background information, color maps, a rationale for study, and 3-session study guide. **Order** at: [anglican.ca/relationships](http://anglican.ca/relationships): see under Resources.



### Kairos USA Call to Action and Study Guide

"Call to Action" is a profound response to Kairos Palestine that encourages contemplation, discussion, and action. From Kairos USA, an ecumenical organization of US churches. Extensive study materials accompany the Call to Action, available in formats that can be scaled to the needs of your group. **Download** in several formats at: [kairosusa.org/study-guide](http://kairosusa.org/study-guide).

# EDUCATION



## Working for a Just & Lasting Peace in Israel and Palestine

36-page United Methodist resource for congregations (GBGM & GBCS). Provides many answers about the Mid East conflict; promotes actions to seek a resolution. Two sections: What You Should Know & How You Can Help. Abundant resources. **Download:** [umc-gbcs.org/content/general/Advocacy Packet Fall 2013.pdf](http://umc-gbcs.org/content/general/Advocacy Packet Fall 2013.pdf)



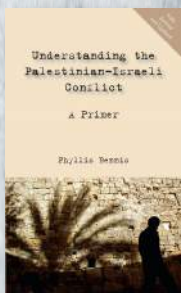
## Steadfast Hope

48-page booklet with DVD; Presbyterian Church USA. Congregational study that dispels myths about the conflict and presents extensive education about the present situation, *Used by many churches and others.* **Download/Order:** See Publications under Study Resources at: [israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org](http://israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org).



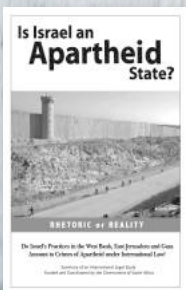
## Zionism Unsettled

74-page booklet & DVD. Congregational study on the important roles of Zionism and Christian Zionism in shaping attitudes and developments in the Middle East and around the world. Diverse views from Christians, Jews and Muslims. Guide for class leaders. **Download/Order:** See Publications under Study Resources at: [israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org](http://israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org).



## Understanding the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A Primer

Easy to understand questions and answers about Israelis, Palestinians, the US role, Zionism, the peace process, Hamas & more: a comprehensive analysis of the conflict. **Read** at US Campaign (use Search): [endtheoccupation.org](http://endtheoccupation.org). **Order** at: Amazon, etc. Print & e-book formats.

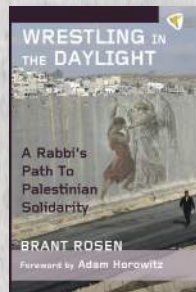


## Is Israel an Apartheid State?

Is Israel committing the crimes of apartheid and colonialism in occupied Palestinian territory: the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza? A summary of the legal study commissioned by the government of South Africa, carried out by an international team of legal analysts. **Download/Order:** [icahdusa.org/store/](http://icahdusa.org/store/)



**An Israeli in Palestine**, by Jeff Halper  
Halper's journey 'beyond the membrane' that shields his people from the harsh realities of Palestinian life. One of the most vivid descriptions and insightful analyses of the occupation to be found. Leader in Israeli peace movement, nominated for Nobel Peace Prize. (1<sup>st</sup> edition has different cover) **Order** at Amazon, etc.



## Shalom Rav (blog) and Wrestling in the Daylight: A Rabbi's Path to Palestinian Solidarity

by Brant Rosen  
The Shalom Rav blog comes from the rabbi of a synagogue in Evanston, IL and co-chair of the Rabbinical Council of Jewish Voice for Peace. His book presents a rabbi's journey from lifelong liberal Zionism to visionary Palestinian activism. **Read** his blog: [rabbibrant.com](http://rabbibrant.com) **Order** book: Amazon.



## Breaking a Generation, Issue 63 The Occupation of the Bible, Issue 67 Cornerstone Newsletter, FOSNA

From Friends of Sabeel-North America. **Issue 63:** Examines the use and misuse of scripture regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. **Issue 67:** Systemic, illegal detention and abuse of Palestinian children under the Israeli occupation. **Download** at: [fosna.org/content/cornerstone-archive](http://fosna.org/content/cornerstone-archive)



## A Palestinian Christian Cry for Reconciliation

by Rev. Naim Ateek  
Important book from the founder of the Sabeel Liberation Theology Centre in Jerusalem. Part 1 focuses on events since the Intifada of 1987; Part 2 draws on scripture to examine issues of ownership of the land; Part 3 presents a strategy to achieve peace and justice nonviolently. **Order** the book at Amazon. **Download** the

book's study guide at: [fosna.org/content/study-guides](http://fosna.org/content/study-guides)



## Palestinian Loss of Land Map Cards

A vivid educational tool, these cards succinctly illustrate Israel's expansion since 1948 and what remains for Palestinians. Several options for the back. \$6 for 100.

**Order** at: [ifamericansknew.org](http://ifamericansknew.org). Type "map card" in search box.

# U.S. POLICY



## U.S. Military Aid to Israel

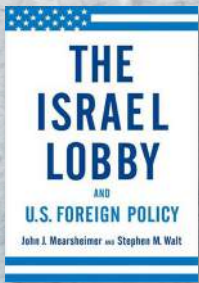
40 pp. Israel, the world's largest recipient of US aid (\$30B in military aid, 2009-2018), grossly misuses US arms in violation of US and international law. A good use of Americans' taxes? What alternatives do we have? **Download/Order:** See "Policy Paper" at [aidtoisrael.org](http://aidtoisrael.org).

## Lest We Forget

Learn astonishing facts in this overview of the US-Israel relationship. Great educational tool, PowerPoint or PDF. **Download/Order:** See "AMEU Publications" under Resources at [ameu.org](http://ameu.org).

## 15 Christian Leaders' Letter to the US Congress

Leaders of 15 major denominations and organizations sent a courageous, groundbreaking letter, asking Congress to investigate Israel's compliance with US law in its use of US aid. **Read/Download:** home page of [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org)



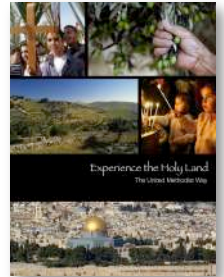
## The Israel Lobby

Essay in London Review of Books that set off tidal waves in the US and beyond. Detailed examination of the Lobby's power to influence US policy. By two US academics; led to longer paper, then book of the same name (left). **Read/download** at: [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org)

## RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

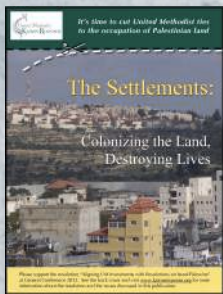
### Experience the Holy Land: *The United Methodist Way*

Important UMC guidelines for visiting Israel-Palestine; includes recommended tour providers' brochures, UM resolutions, Mission Partners in Israel-Palestine. **Download all at** [kairosresponse.org](http://kairosresponse.org), see under Tourism.



# DIVESTMENT & BOYCOTT

**\*\*DOWNLOAD ALL THESE RESOURCES AND MORE AT [KAIROSRESPONSE.ORG](http://KAIROSRESPONSE.ORG)**



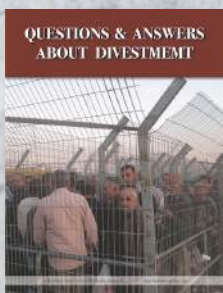
## The Settlements: Colonizing the Land, Destroying Lives

11x17 brochure or 4 pages. Clearly explains illegality of the settlements & effect on Palestinians of expanding West Bank colonization. Vivid photos; information on three companies recommended for UM divestment in legislation submitted to GC 2012. **See under UMKR Materials.\*\***



## Investing in Palestine is Not Enough

4-page resource explains why investing in the Palestinian economy cannot replace divesting from the Israeli Occupation and, according to the World Bank, cannot sufficiently help the Palestinians while they live under a crushing occupation. **See under Divestment.\*\***



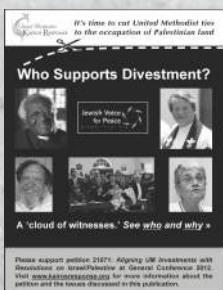
## Q & A about Divestment

16 pp. Easy to follow Q&A format presents the moral imperative for church divestment from the Israeli occupation, explains the choices of companies, dispels misinformation, clarifies misunderstanding of fiduciary responsibility, and much more. **See under Divestment.\*\***



## Seizing the Mandate: Boycotting Products from Israeli Settlements

42-pp. Explains reasons for the boycott, shows how to support it in your area, and provides detailed information about companies that support the settlements enterprise and the occupation of Palestinian territory. **See under Boycott.\*\***



## Who Supports Divestment?

11x17 Brochure or 4 pp. Features powerful statements from bishops, rabbis, Holocaust survivors and more. Lists Christian institutions and Jewish organizations worldwide that support economic advocacy to end the Israeli occupation. **See under Divestment.\*\***



## More Resources for Boycott of Settlements Products

PowerPoint presentations, flyers, bulletin inserts, Q & A, and more to educate church members and build support for economic advocacy. **See under Boycott.\*\***

# FILMS & BOOKS

FIND MORE FILMS, BOOKS, AND OTHER RESOURCES AT [UMHLTF.ORG](http://UMHLTF.ORG)



## Occupation 101

Thought-provoking documentary covers a wide range of topics – history from 1880s to now, obstacles to peace, role of the US, settlements, the Separation Wall, Gaza, and more. 90 mins. Watch online or purchase at: [occupation101.tv](http://occupation101.tv)



## The Stones Cry Out

Powerful film speaks for Christian Palestinians living with oppression and occupation for over 60 years, from the 1948 Nakba until today. 55 mins. Find at: [thestonescryoutmovie.com](http://thestonescryoutmovie.com)



## 5 Broken Cameras

Critically-acclaimed, Oscar-nominated, and deeply personal cinematic diary of life and non-violent resistance in a West Bank village surrounded by Israeli settlements. 94 mins. Find at Amazon, Watch on Hulu.



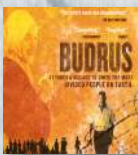
## Peace, Propaganda and the Promised Land

Powerful exposé of how Israeli public relations and pro-Israel Americans exercise powerful influence and censorship of media re Israel's illegal and brutal occupation of Palestine. 80 mins. Watch on [vimeo.com](http://vimeo.com) and other sites.



## Roadmap to Apartheid

Award-winning, intense documentary provides a detailed look at the history of apartheid in South Africa and what exists today in the Israeli occupation of Palestine. 95 mins. Find at: [roadmaptoapartheid.org](http://roadmaptoapartheid.org).



## Budrus

Globally acclaimed, compelling story of a Palestinian leader, his courageous 15-yr-old daughter, and a movement that united and saved a village. 82 mins. Find at: [Budrus.com](http://Budrus.com)



## Al Helm (The Dream): Martin Luther King in Palestine

An African-American gospel choir goes to Palestine to tour in a play about Martin Luther King Jr., and witness life under occupation and a non-violent movement for social justice. 93 mins. Find at: [clarityfilms.org/mlk](http://clarityfilms.org/mlk)



## Fast Times in Palestine, Pam Olson

Harrowing, funny, vivid, moving and inspiring personal story that opens a rare window onto Palestinian life under Israeli occupation. Easy and engaging to read, a fascinating memoir. Find at: [pamolson.org](http://pamolson.org) or Amazon.



## The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine, Ilan Pappé

Renowned Israeli historian offers impressive archival evidence that, from its inception, Israel's founding ideology was the forced removal of the indigenous population. Indispensable for those interested in this region. Find at Amazon, etc.



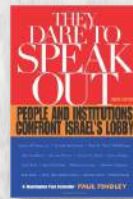
## The Lemon Tree, Sandy Tolan

This story of an extraordinary friendship spanning 35 years brings the Israeli-Palestinian conflict down to its most human level, suggesting hope for reconciliation even amid the bleakest political realities. Find at Amazon, etc.



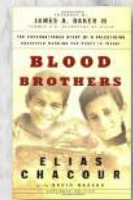
## A Wall in Jerusalem, Mark Braverman

Using lessons of the Holocaust and Apartheid, to the foremost voices in theology and conflict resolution, a Jewish American activist answers many essential questions about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and offers a course of action at home and abroad. Find at Amazon, etc.



## They Dare to Speak Out, Paul Findley

With careful documentation and case histories, this powerful book addresses the pervasive influence of AIPAC on American politics. Draws connections between US unconditional support of Israel and raging anti-American passions around the world. Find at Amazon, etc.



## Blood Brothers, Elias Chacour

Blends this Palestinian Archbishop's riveting life story with historical research to reveal a little-known side of the birth of Israel and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Compelling book offers insight into living at peace in the most volatile region of the world. Find at Amazon, etc.



## Bethlehem Besieged, Mitri Raheb

From the Palestinian Lutheran pastor of Christmas Church in Bethlehem, a powerful collection of dramatic personal stories tell of desperation and hope in the midst of lethal conflict, bringing the Palestinian/Israeli conflict up close and personal. Find at Amazon, etc.

## ORGANIZATIONS/WEBSITES

**NEWS, ANALYSIS & COMMENTARY:** [mondoweiss.net](http://mondoweiss.net) [electronicintifada.net](http://electronicintifada.net) [imeu.net](http://imeu.net) [haaretz.com](http://haaretz.com)

**INFORMATION & ADVOCACY:** **Kairos Palestine** [kairopalestine.ps](http://kairopalestine.ps) **United Methodists' Holy Land Task Force** [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org) **United Methodist Kairos Response** [kairosresponse.org](http://kairosresponse.org) **Friends of Sabeel-North America** [fosna.org](http://fosna.org) **Kairos USA** [kairosusa.org](http://kairosusa.org) **US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation** [endtheoccupation.org](http://endtheoccupation.org) **Israel Palestine Mission Network** [israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org](http://israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org) **Jewish Voice for Peace** [jewishvoiceforpeace.org](http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org) **Churches for Middle East Peace** [cmep.org](http://cmep.org) **American Muslims for Palestine** [ampalestine.org](http://ampalestine.org) **Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions** [icahd.org](http://icahd.org) **B'tselem, Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories** [btselem.org](http://btselem.org) **If Americans Knew** [ifamericansknew.org](http://ifamericansknew.org) **Americans for Middle East Understanding** [ameu.org](http://ameu.org) **Foundation for Middle East Peace** [fmep.org](http://fmep.org)