



UMKR Boycott Committee  
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Bishop (name)  
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Dear Bishop \_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing on behalf of United Methodist Kairos Response to ask for your support and assistance. As you know, the 2012 General Conference passed Resolution 6111, calling on all nations to boycott products made in Israeli settlements on Palestinian land. We are presently preparing to ask for a nationwide boycott of products made by six companies in illegal settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories. Our goals are to end the Israeli occupation and to respond to Christians in the Holy Land who have asked us for this action. This campaign also provides an opportunity to inform many United Methodists about the Israeli occupation and the reasons that our church has opposed it for decades.

We have completed the Preparation for Boycott form requested by UM Resolution #4011, "Guidelines for Initiating or Joining an Economic Boycott," even though a call to boycott settlement products has already been approved by the General Conference. (See attached.) We felt that having these theological, Biblical and practical questions answered would be helpful to all. We welcome your comments or additions.

This boycott does not target products made in Israel, but those made in occupied territories outside Israel's internationally recognized borders. It is our hope that we can bring about enough consumer awareness and financial pressure on companies whose products we boycott that they will cease to operate their factories in the illegal settlements.

I ask that you support our efforts in your prayers and by sharing this information with the appropriate individuals in your Annual Conference, that we might join together to be the people of God who will stand when others cannot and will care when others choose not to.

In the Ministry of Christ Together,

Rev. Alan D. Kinney

Attachments: Resolution 6111, Preparation for Boycott form, Q&A on Boycott, Map of Settlement Industrial Zones, Bulletin Inserts