The United Methodist Church has opposed Israel’s brutal military occupation of Palestinian land.

“"The United Methodist Church opposes continued military occupation of the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, the confiscation of Palestinian land and water resources, the destruction of Palestinian homes, the continued building of illegal Jewish settlements, and any vision of a "Greater Israel" that includes the occupied territories and the whole of Jerusalem and its surroundings."" #6111, UMC Book of Resolutions 2016

PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS SEND AN URGENT CALL TO THE GLOBAL CHURCH FOR CONCRETE ACTIONS FOR THEIR LIBERATION, NAMING BOYCOTT AND DIVESTMENT AS NONVIOLENT ACTIONS THAT WOULD HELP THEM.

"Are you able to help us get our freedom back? For this is the only way you can help the two peoples attain justice, peace, security and love."

Kairos Palestine Document

October 2010, United Methodists for Kairos Response (UMKR) is founded.

JUNE 2014 The New York Times

Methodist Church Pension Board Links Divestment to Firm’s Role in Israeli Prisons

THE NY TIMES TELLS THE WORLD UMC DIVESTED FROM G4S, THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY FIRM. UMC BECOMES FIRST OF THE “MAINLINE” CHURCHES IN THE US TO DIVEST FROM A COMPANY FOR VIOLATIONS OF PALESTINIANS’ HUMAN RIGHTS.

Annual Conferences have voted in support of United Methodist divestment from the Israeli occupation.
MORE UMC DIVESTMENT

JANUARY 2016: GLOBAL HEADLINES ANNOUNCE
LANDMARK CHURCH ACTION: UMC PENSION BOARD BARS
INVESTMENT IN FIVE ISRAELI BANKS & ISRAELI CONSTRU-
TION COMPANY BECAUSE THEY VIOLATE PALESTINIAN
HUMAN RIGHTS BY SUPPORTING THE SETTLEMENTS.

Protecting
Free Speech

2016-2017: Eight regional
UMC bodies - representing over
1 million church members - adopt
resolutions opposing any state or
federal laws that would penalize
those who boycott and divest in
support of Palestinian rights.

CALL FOR GLOBAL BOYCOTT!

MAY 2012: “WE [the United Methodist
Church] FURTHER CALL ON ALL NATIONS TO
PROHIBIT...THE IMPORT OF PRODUCTS MADE BY
COMPANIES IN ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON
PALESTINIAN LAND.” #6111, UMC Book of Resolutions 2016

The HP Boycott

Of 23 U.S. congregations that
became an “HP-Free Church”
in 2017, 9 are United
Methodist Churches.

UMKR’S ACTION AREAS:

• DIVESTMENT • BOYCOTT • POLITICAL
  ADVOCACY • EDUCATION ON ISRAEL/
  PALESTINE • RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

UMKR is an independent grassroots justice movement
and a member of the Love Your Neighbor Coalition. We
also work with United Methodist agencies such as
GBGM and GBCS and with numerous movements
beyond the UMC, including Kairos Palestine, Jewish
Voice for Peace (JVP), American Muslims for Palestine
(AMP), US Campaign for Palestinian Rights, Friends of
Sabeel North America (FOSNA), Kairos USA, AFSC, and
many others in the US and around the world.

In UMKR, United Methodists are responding to
Kairos Palestine: A Moment of Truth, a
profound statement of faith and urgent call to
action from Christians in the Holy Land. UMKR
seeks – through nonviolent action and in
partnership with Christian Palestinians – freedom,
justice, and equality for all Palestinians and Israelis.

Visit us: KairosResponse.org