

QUICK FACTS:

Israeli Apartheid & AFC

Authoritative reports by human rights experts, legal analysts, and renowned scholars have clearly established that Israel's systemic oppression of Palestinians is an apartheid regime. As we did for South Africa, faith communities and people of conscience around the world are coming together to end this crime against humanity.

What is apartheid?

First, it is important to know that **South Africa's experience is not the benchmark today for identifying apartheid.** We have instruments of international law that define it for us. *Apartheid is defined as a crime against humanity; it involves inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group over another and systematically oppressing them.*

To recognize apartheid, three conditions must be met:

1. establishing a system of separation or segregation for domination based on race, creed, or ethnicity;
2. that system must be legally enforced;
3. that system entails the commission of inhuman acts as specified in international law. This definition is codified in the 1973 **International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid** and the 1998 **Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court**.



Who says it's apartheid in Israel/Palestine?

In recent years, a global consensus on Israeli apartheid has emerged. Leading human rights organizations such as **Amnesty International** and **Human Rights Watch** have published in-depth reports that identify and explain Israel's apartheid regime, with ample documentation. Many other experts on human rights and international law have similar reports, from the **United Nations to Israel's own human rights organizations, B'Tselem and Yesh Din.**

All these institutions are finally acknowledging the apartheid reality that the Palestinians have been reporting - and which visiting South African leaders have unanimously confirmed - for decades.

Find the major reports on Israeli apartheid and easy-to-use resources to learn about it, at kairosresponse.org. (In the menu under EDUCATION, see "It Is Apartheid.") Learning tools there include short videos and Explainers in print that offer a simple overview of this vital human rights issue. Share them with others!

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Become an Apartheid-Free Community

A coalition of faith-based organizations – led by the Quaker organization AFSC and including UMKR – have organized an exciting justice initiative: **Apartheid-Free Communities**. *Inspired by the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa, we are standing in solidarity with the Palestinian people and their call for freedom and equal rights.* Together we are striving to build an Apartheid-Free world, in our faith congregations and our cities, campuses, and workplaces.

As Apartheid-Free Communities, United Methodists seek to educate ourselves and others about racist laws and state systems at home and abroad; we want to ensure that our communities do not contribute to the maintenance of apartheid regimes. Together, we will promote freedom, justice, and equality for all.

**APARTHEID
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COMMUNITIES**



THE AFC PLEDGE

WE AFFIRM our commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people and all people;

WE OPPOSE all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression;

WE DECLARE ourselves an Apartheid-Free Community; and to that end,

WE PLEDGE to join others in working to end all support to Israel's apartheid regime, settler colonialism, and military occupation.



When your community takes the pledge, you:

- Publicly acknowledge Israel's apartheid regime.
- Commit to take action in a way that fits your community.
- Join the Apartheid-Free Communities network that shares resources, opportunities for action, and support.

VISIT THE AFC WEBSITE: apartheid-free.org

3 Things You Can Do

1. **LEARN** about Israeli Apartheid and Apartheid-Free Communities at the UMKR and AFC websites. **DISCUSS** this important justice-seeking opportunity in your congregation.
2. **TAKE** the AFC pledge together.
3. **CHOOSE** action that fits your community to live into that pledge. See ideas at the AFC website: apartheid-free.org/actions.

Contact UMKR whenever you need help during any of this process: info@kairosresponse.org

United Methodists in UMKR are responding to the **Kairos Palestine Document "A Moment of Truth,"** an urgent call from Christians in the Holy Land for effective action to end the Israeli occupation and achieve a just peace in the Holy Land. *UMKR seeks*

– through nonviolent action and in partnership with the Christians of Palestine – freedom, justice and equality for all Palestinians and Israelis.



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