

ANSWERING THE CALL



AN INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, GROWING IN THE GRASSROOTS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

It began in Bethlehem...

They called to us from the city of Christ's birth, in the Christmas season of 2009. Palestinian Christians sent their fellow believers around the world a heartfelt message of faith, hope and love...*and an urgent call to action*: "Kairos Palestine: A Moment of Truth."

Less than a year later, **United Methodists for Kairos Response (UMKR)** was born. From a small band of 25 disciples in October 2010, UMKR has grown into a multi-faceted, diverse movement of laity and clergy in dozens of annual conferences on four continents.

For decades, the Palestinian people have endured horrific crimes against humanity under a brutal, never-ending military occupation: rampant ethnic cleansing and state-sanctioned terror; massive destruction of homes, businesses, and farmland; thousands of children arrested and abused; the illegal Separation Wall, hundreds of checkpoints, and the devastating blockade of Gaza turning their communities into prisons.



Palestinian Christians at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem

“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.”

The Kairos Palestine Document: A Moment of Truth

The time has come
for Christians to answer the Palestinians' call and help to end their suffering,
by offering *MORE* than words of support.

See how United Methodists are doing that

Join us in answering the call!

History has shown us that, working together and with God's help, we are powerful! UMKR works locally and globally in the UMC and with ecumenical, interfaith, and secular partners, using effective, nonviolent advocacy tools. *We invite you to join us as we put our faith into action, for the transformation of the world. Here are some ways we can take UNITED ACTION to bring equality, justice, and freedom to all the people of this land we call "holy."*



UMKR Advocacy at General Conference 2012

BOYCOTT

"Kairos Palestine" tells us that boycotting and divesting from the occupation can help achieve a just peace in the Holy Land. In 2012, our church called for a global boycott of products from the illegal Israeli settlements! **SUPPORT** the call for boycott using UMKR's resources at our website.

DIVESTMENT

After years of advocacy within the church, the UMC made global headlines when it divested from several Israeli banks and businesses because they violate Palestinians' human rights. But the church still has investments in the Israeli occupation: **JOIN** our ongoing divestment advocacy.

Rabbi Brant Rosen of the Rabbinical Council of Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) speaks at a UMKR event in Florida.



POLITICAL ACTION

To achieve a just peace, the U.S. must change its unconditional funding and tacit support for Israeli oppression of the indigenous people of Palestine. **SUBSCRIBE** to our emails to **JOIN** the action with thousands of justice advocates making an impact in the halls of power.

EDUCATION

Peacemaking begins with understanding the issues: *it's not hard to LEARN about the recent history of Israel/Palestine, the current situation, and the Kairos Palestine call.* We can help you with resources for individuals, study groups and special events, worship materials, and recommended speakers. See our website & contact us!

ETHICAL TOURISM

For a once-in-a-lifetime experience, *answer the Palestinians' urgent invitation to "COME and SEE."* **FIND** great tours on our website: many include visiting ancient biblical sites; all include learning about today's reality from the Holy Land's "living stones" – the wonderful people of Israel/Palestine.

Get involved in this vital justice work! VISIT US: www.KairosResponse.org

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