



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



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OPPOSES:

- ◆ Israel's **OCCUPATION** of Palestinian territory
- ◆ Israel's **THEFT** of Palestinian land and water resources
- ◆ Israel's segregated & illegal West Bank **SETTLEMENTS**
- ◆ Israel's **DEMOLITION** of Palestinian homes and **DESTRUCTION** of farm land
- ◆ Israel's **SEPARATION WALL** on Palestinian land and its use of **CHECKPOINTS, CLOSURES, AND CURFEWS**

**UMC Book of Resolutions 2016, #6111*

Top photo: The Separation or Apartheid Wall, built by Israel primarily on occupied Palestinian land, imprisons Bethlehem and other towns and villages; in 2004, it was ruled illegal by the International Court of Justice. Next to the UMC Cross and Flame are the words: "God will destroy this wall." Below that: "Walls are temporary. Just ask Berlin!" **Center photo:** The Israeli settlements stretch as far as the eye can see and dominate the landscape in the occupied Palestinian territory of the West Bank.

Bottom photo: Tens of thousands of Palestinian homes and over one million olive trees have been destroyed by a brutal military occupation and continually expanding colonization by Israeli settlers.



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRAYERFULLY CALLS FOR:



boycott
sodastream

to further the peace process

SodaStream factory operates in an illegal Israeli settlement in the occupied Palestinian territory.

SodaStream falsely labels its products "Made in Israel."

SodaStream factory contributes to growing inequality between Israelis and Palestinians.

SodaStream uses factory location to avoid fair labor practices required by Israeli law.

SodaStream taxes support the Israeli government and illegal settlement enterprise, not the Palestinians.

In 2014, GBCS joined an international boycott of SodaStream because this company had manufacturing facilities in an Israeli settlement in the West Bank. In Sept. 2015, SodaStream ended its operations in that settlement.

Aerial view of Mishor Adumim, the industrial park in occupied Palestinian territory where SodaStream operates in violation of international law.

The SodaStream Boycott is supported by the Interfaith Boycott Coalition, including United Methodist Kairos Response (UKKR), Methodist Federation for Social Action (MESA), the Israel/Palestine Mission Network (IPMN) of the Presbyterian Church USA, American Friends Service Committee, Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), Episcopal Peace Fellowship's Palestine Israel Network (EPF PIN), Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME), Friends of Sabeel-North America (FSNA), United Church of Christ, Church of the Brethren, American Muslims for Palestine (AMP), and members of the Catholic, Lutheran, Mennonite and Quaker traditions.

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ENDING THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION

- ◆ A **global boycott of all products** made in Israeli settlements on Palestinian land (UMC Book of Resolutions, #6111).
- ◆ **Ending all forms of financial support** for the Israeli occupation (#6111)
- ◆ **Withdrawing Israeli military forces** to the Green Line: withdrawn from all of the West Bank including East Jerusalem (#6111)

RESPECTING LAW, SUPPORTING PEACE

- ◆ The United States to accept the authority of **UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338** to reach a just and permanent solution (#6112)
- ◆ All parties to **abide by and uphold international law**, including United Nations resolutions and International Court of Justice rulings (#6112)
- ◆ The U.S. to **end all military aid** to the region (#6111)



SEEKING EDUCATION AND DIALOGUE

- ◆ **Responsible Holy Land travel by United Methodists** that includes spending time with Palestinian Christians and contacting the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem (#6031)
- ◆ Engaging in ecumenical and interfaith **dialogue on nonviolent ways** to promote justice and peace in the Holy Land (#6111)

UMKR REQUESTS YOUR SUPPORT OF GC 2020 LEGISLATION

Support: OPPOSITION TO ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN PALESTINIAN LAND

Calls for renewal of current United Methodist positions:

Opposing continued military occupation of Gaza, the West Bank including East Jerusalem, and the Golan Heights;

Opposing confiscation of Palestinian land and water resources, destruction of Palestinian homes, continued blockade of Gaza, and the continued building of illegal Jewish settlements;

Urging all governments to work with the United Nations to stop land confiscation, stop the building of settlements, lift closures and curfews, and dismantle the Separation Wall wherever it is not built on the Green Line;

Urging all governments to end military aid to the region and support UNRWA and other NGOs in the region;

Urging the Palestinian authority to condemn violence against Israeli civilians;

Calling on all nations to prohibit the import of products made by companies in Israeli settlements on Palestinian land;

Asking United Methodists to advocate with U.S. government officials; and encouraging meaningful education and interfaith dialogue about means of nonviolent advocacy.

The United Methodist Church has opposed the Israeli occupation since 1976.

Support:

ADDRESSING ISRAELI DETENTION OF CHILDREN *and* CHILD INCARCERATION

The first resolution calls for education, advocacy, and actions United Methodists can take to address the widespread abuse and imprisonment of Palestinian children by the Israeli military. The second resolution

addresses the issue of child incarceration worldwide, including in the United States. Both resolutions call for GBCS, in consultation with GBGM and UMW, to bring a report with recommendations to GC 2024.



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Support: PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO PEACEFULLY ADDRESS INJUSTICE

Opposing interference by local or national governments in the right to address injustice through economic means such as boycotts and urges United Methodists to advocate with elected officials to stop suppression of ethical, nonviolent campaigns for justice.

Support: EXCLUDE BONDS OF COUNTRIES MAINTAINING PROLONGED MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

Calls for United Methodist investors to exclude investment in bonds from governments that maintain a prolonged military occupation that has been the subject of UN Security Council resolutions and/or International Court of Justice rulings, until that occupation ends. Pertains to: Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory, Turkey's occupation of Northern Cyprus, and Morocco's occupation of Western Sahara.

Amend BOD Paragraph 717: "Sustainable and Socially Responsible Investments"

Adds text to include the bonds described above as investments UMC institutions should exclude.



Photos above: Gandhi's Independence Movement for India, the global movement to end apartheid in South Africa, the U.S. Civil Rights Movement: modern history has many examples of successful boycotts to correct systems of injustice. In recent decades, The United Methodist Church has joined several boycotts, supporting the rights of farm workers and protesting corporate practices.

Support: UN RESOLUTIONS ON THE ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

Calls for renewal of current United Methodist positions:

Asking all parties to honor United Nations resolutions, International Court of Justice (ICJ) rulings and other instruments of international law as the basis for a just and lasting peace in Palestine/Israel; and

Calling on the United States to accept the authority of Security Council resolutions and ICJ rulings as a framework for a just and permanent end to the conflict.

LEARN MORE: At our website, **UMKR** has helpful **RESOURCES** for all the resolutions in this brochure. See the **ENDORSEMENTS** being added, interfaith and others, starting in January! Look for the **GC2020** logo on our home page, at www.KairosResponse.org

