

CONSIDER INVESTING IN WESPATH'S "SOCIAL VALUES CHOICE" SUITE OF FUNDS

Whereas Wespath Benefits and Investments (Wespath) offers a Social Values Choice suite of funds that includes Social Values Choice Equity Fund (SVCEF, formerly known as Equity Social Values Plus Fund), Social Values Choice Bond Fund (SVCBF) and U.S. Treasury Inflation Protection Fund (USTIPF),¹ and

Whereas the Social Values Choice suite of funds is available for participant defined contribution accounts and conference deposit accounts with Wespath, and

Whereas Wespath has developed a policy that may remove from these three funds companies named in divestment resolutions by 7 to 10 annual conferences in at least 3 different jurisdictional conferences,² and

**Whereas in 20?? the _____ Annual Conference approved such a divestment resolution, and

Whereas Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions, and Hewlett Packard, being the subjects of such divestment resolutions, have been removed from these three funds per Wespath's policy, and

Whereas while Wespath as a financial institution does not take a stand on the reasons conferences have voted to divest from these three companies, they have responded to serve those clients by providing these three funds, and

Whereas **Caterpillar Inc.** provides military bulldozers and earth-moving equipment which are used to uproot olive groves, demolish Palestinian homes, construct illegal settlements, and build segregated roads and the separation barrier on occupied land; **Motorola Solutions** provides surveillance systems for illegal settlements, military bases and the separation wall as well as communication devices for the Israeli military; and **Hewlett Packard companies** provide servers to the State of Israel for its population registry that discriminates against non-Jewish citizens of Israel, is the exclusive provider of computers to the Israeli military that carries out the 50-year illegal occupation of Palestine, and provides servers and technology used in Israeli prisons where Palestinians, including children, are tortured and detained without charge, in all these examples violating international law,³ and

Whereas for up to eleven years many religious investors and ecumenical groups have asked these companies to stop selling their products to the Israeli government for use in sustaining and maintaining the military occupation and settlement building and they have refused,⁴ and

Whereas the Palestinian Christian community, through the Kairos Palestine Document, has requested the support of the wider Church in their struggle (Kairos Palestine. "A Moment of Truth: A Word of Faith, Hope and Love from the Heart of Palestinian Suffering" December 2009,⁵

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ Annual Conference and its clergy and lay employee participants consider the Social Values Choice suite of funds for the portion of their accounts invested in equities and fixed income funds.

**** SUBMITTERS PLEASE NOTE: Only applies to annual conferences where they have taken such action in the past. Should be omitted in resolutions to annual conferences where this has not happened.**

¹ <https://www.wespath.org/pr20170628/>, and <https://www.wespath.org/pr20171219>

² http://www.wespath.org/assets/1/7/investment_policy.pdf, p. 22

³ <http://investigate.afsc.org/company/hewlett-packard-enterprise>

⁴ https://www.kairosresponse.org/corporate_engagement_04-11.html

⁵ <http://www.kairos-palestine.ps/index.php/about-us/kairos-palestine-document>