

## **AVOID PURCHASE OF HEWLETT PACKARD PRODUCTS**

Whereas the Hewlett Packard Company recently split into two companies, HP Inc. and Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE), with more spin-offs projected, and the various HP companies share certain logistical infrastructure, governance, supply chains, and technologies with one another, and they all draw on the HP brand's long history of close connections with the Israeli military and occupation,<sup>1</sup> and

Whereas HP Inc is the exclusive provider of computers to the Israeli military, which carries out the occupation of Palestine including the West Bank and East Jerusalem, as well as maintaining the brutal siege of the Gaza Strip,<sup>2</sup> and

Whereas HPE provides servers to the State of Israel for its population registry, and IDs issued based on this registry determine what level of rights Israeli citizens have, and under this system Jewish citizens have more rights than non-Jewish citizens, who have more rights than Palestinian citizens,<sup>3</sup> and

Whereas HPE provides servers and technology used in Israeli prisons, where Palestinians from all walks of life, including children, are frequently tortured and detained without charge, and the Israeli prison system is used to suppress Palestinian political activity and to stifle opposition to its policies,<sup>4</sup> and

Whereas The United Methodist Church has specifically and repeatedly condemned both the military occupation and the construction of Israeli-only settlements in the West Bank,<sup>5</sup> and

Whereas United Methodists have participated in ecumenical shareholder engagement with HP for more than nine years and have asked them to end their involvement with the illegal occupation of Palestinian lands,<sup>6</sup> and

Whereas there has been no meaningful progress with HP and no indication of any willingness to change their involvement in the occupation of Palestinian territories,<sup>7</sup> and

Whereas more than 3,000 Palestinian Christians have implored Christians everywhere to put actions behind their words to end Israel's occupation of Palestinian land,<sup>8</sup> and

Whereas The United Methodist Church asks all companies that profit from and/or support settlements through their business activities to examine these activities and stop any business

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<sup>1</sup> [http://uscpr.org/hp2016woa\\_pr/](http://uscpr.org/hp2016woa_pr/)

<sup>2</sup> <http://investigate.afsc.org/company/hp-inc>

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

<sup>4</sup> <http://investigate.afsc.org/company/hewlett-packard-enterprise>

<sup>5</sup> 2016 United Methodist Book of Resolutions #6111, p. 602-606

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.kairosresponse.org/corporate\\_engagement\\_04-11.html](https://www.kairosresponse.org/corporate_engagement_04-11.html)

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.kairosresponse.org/corporate\\_engagement\\_04-11.html](https://www.kairosresponse.org/corporate_engagement_04-11.html)

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.kairospalestine.ps/index.php/about-us/kairos-palestine-document>

transactions that contribute to violations of international law, promote systemic discrimination, or otherwise support ongoing military occupation,<sup>9</sup> and

Whereas nonviolent tools for education and ethical consumption are central to a living expression of discipleship for Methodists, following the example of founder John Wesley who boycotted sugar in a protest of the slave trade, and recognizing that boycott is an effective, moral, economic tool and having in the past participated in boycotts of Taco Bell and Mt. Olive Pickle Company, Inc to support farm workers, Nestle to challenge marketing of infant formula, and USA Today to support newspaper workers in Detroit, among others, and

Whereas the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the United Church of Christ, Quaker Friends Fiduciary, the Alliance of Baptists, and Unitarian Universalists have divested from HP,<sup>10</sup> and

\*\*Whereas in 20?? the \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Conference approved a measure calling for divestment from HP, and

Whereas an international and interfaith coalition of organizations and groups have come together to challenge HP's complicity in human rights violations in the occupied Palestinian territories and to ask the company to withdraw from such contracts and stop profiting from the Israeli occupation,<sup>11</sup>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Conference calls on all conference boards, agencies, offices, local congregations, campus ministries, and individual United Methodists to refrain from purchasing HP products until this family of companies ends its involvement with the Israeli occupation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \_\_\_\_\_ [a group within the annual conference, such as Church and Society, Peace with Justice, United Methodist Women, MFSA, CFA] follow up on this resolution by reporting back to the 2019 Annual Conference the status of the international boycott and when it might be lifted.

\*\* 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.

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<sup>9</sup> 2016 United Methodist Book of Resolutions #6111, p. 605

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.fosna.org/free-your-church-hp>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.afsc.org/resource/campaign-boycott-hp>