

Native Peoples Stand With Palestinians

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Today we looked at the sins of colonialism and the effects it had on the past and present lives of Native Peoples.

The taking of land for the use by others is called “Manifest Destiny.” If you look at a map of the U.S. and a map of Palestine, both have been slowly inhabited by another group of people, mostly by force.

The Native Peoples were placed on reservations in their own lands and this is also happening to Palestinians. They are prisoners in their own land.

We as Native Peoples stand in solidarity with our Palestinian brothers and sisters. We understand their struggle to keep their land and identity. We must work to keep them safe, help them keep their land so that they can again be a whole community with homes, jobs, and educational opportunities for future generations.

Let us as a church not stand back and watch this happen to the Palestinians as in our past when we stood back when this was happening to Native Peoples.