

A Statement from All the Living United Methodist Missionaries Who Have Served in the Holy Land

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As past and present United Methodist missionaries in the Holy Land we affirm non-violent means of addressing the many injustices we've seen during our years of service. While there are transgressions on all sides, we believe that the illegal occupation of Palestinian land is the root cause and source of the conflict. We are therefore encouraged by the recent action of United Methodist fund managers to disassociate from certain Israeli banks, and hope they will continue this trend by removing from our portfolios companies and institutions that profit from the occupation. Such decisions will ultimately contribute toward the end of hostilities and reverse the cycle of violence in Israel/Palestine.

Yours in Christian Service,

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