

We Make a Kairos Commitment

“A Moment of Truth” is a powerful statement.

Despite 40 years of Israeli occupation, Palestinian Christians proclaim their belief “in a Good and Just God.” In this “call to see the face of God” in everyone, they “reject fanaticism and extremism,” because “human beings were not made for hatred.”

Palestinian Christians declare their “hope remains strong.” They lift up the enduring Christian witness in the land called holy, in interfaith dialogue, and in a determination to be prepared for reconciliation when justice has been restored.

“A Moment of Truth” says the Church must demonstrate love to friends and enemies, and resist evil, including the occupation of Palestinian lands. It affirms the Church’s mission to pray, serve, and be prophetic, to accompany the oppressed, and proclaim the “Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice, peace and dignity.” **Now more than ever, Palestinians say to the world “Come and see.”**

We, too, believe this is a *Kairos* moment for the Church. The UCC and Disciples have advocated for a just and fair resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, one that includes a free and secure Palestinian state alongside Israel. **Yet now more than ever, we say “fair and free” is the only way to ensure peace and justice.**

There is much you can do as churches and individuals to work toward a just and peaceful end to conflict. We invite you and your church group to make a *Kairos* commitment in response to the Palestinian Christian message “A Moment of Truth.”



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In response to the Palestinian Christian message
“A Moment of Truth,” I and my church group...

- ✦ Commit to read, study, and reflect on the “Message of Hope”;
- ✦ Commit to visit the region to learn more about the situation on the ground, and non-violent responses to it;
- ✦ Commit to advocate with the US government, the most influential outside party in the negotiations;
- ✦ Commit to support denominational partners in Palestine, which supports the Palestinian economy; and to avoid products that are produced in illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

Palestinian Christians conclude their message,

“In the absence of hope, we cry out [for] hope...

We believe... we will see here ‘a new land’ and ‘a new human being,’ capable of rising up in the spirit to love each one of his or her brothers and sisters.”

**Now more than ever, we pray this vision will come about,
with our *Kairos* commitment.**

More information on the “Message of Hope” is available at
globalministries.org/mee/kairos

The full *Kairos* document is available at kairopalestine.ps

Global Ministries can help advise your trip to Palestine.

If your church group has made a *Kairos* Commitment, let us know.

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