



ACTION ALERT

END THE OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE ACT NOW

The Women's Division was a founding member of the U.S. Campaign to End the Occupation, and has been an active participant and supporter of the organization. Since its formation in October 2001, the U.S. Campaign has built wider and wider support for human rights for all Palestinians and Israelis as something that is negotiable.

The US Campaign:

- Affirms that ending military occupation is a necessary precondition for a just and lasting peace. Occupation is illegal under international law and must be ended.
- Categorically condemns Palestinian attacks on civilians; however, the U.S. government continues to provide financial, military and political support for Israeli attacks on civilians.
- Embodies the core values of human rights, international law, and involvement of the UN that are all espoused by General Board of Global Ministries' directors, the United Methodist Council of Bishops and by General Conference resolutions relating to Palestine/Israel for many years."

United Methodists from a growing number of annual conferences participate in the U.S. Campaign educational and advocacy actions. On April 23, 2007, the Women's Division board of Directors adopted a resolution calling for "Steps Toward a Just Peace in the Middle East."

The resolution includes a "demand that the United States ends its uncritical use of military, economic, diplomatic and corporate power to support Israeli occupation of Palestinian West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem, and Syrian Golan Heights.



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As noted by the American Friends Service Committee—the organization founded by the Quakers to promote peace and social justice—“June 2007 marks the 40th anniversary of the 1967 war and the beginning of the Israeli military occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, which remains one of the greatest obstacles to peace in the Middle East. This summer Women’s Division leadership will gather with others in Washington, D.C. to bring attention to this historic event and to say “NO to Israeli Occupation.”

You too can be a part of this momentous global call for the U.S. to end its continued support of Israel’s illegal occupation.



Write a letter to say you support the US Campaign’s call for a change in U.S. policy.

Write to: The US Campaign to End Israeli Occupation
P.O. Box 21539
Washington, DC 20002

Be sure to say which state you live in and that you are a United Methodist Woman.

Scriptural Basis: If you, even you, had only to recognize on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Luke 19:24

Policy Base: “The United Methodist Church opposes continued military occupation... [and] that we urge the U.S. government to end all military aid to the region, and... to redistribute the large amount of aid now given to Israel and Egypt; to support economic development efforts of nongovernmental organizations throughout the region, including religious institutions, human rights groups, labor unions, and professional groups within Palestinian communities.”[Opposition to Israeli Settlements in Palestinian Land, Book of Resolutions 2004 #312, p. 788-789.]

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