



Living Stones: The Uniting Church and Palestine (/palestine)

"My voice will always be raised in support of Christian-Jewish ties and against the anti-Semitism that all sensible people fear and detest...

But this cannot be an excuse for doing nothing and for standing aside as successive Israeli governments colonise the West Bank and advance racist laws."

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu

The Christians of Palestine have asked us, the international church, to help them get their freedom back and for Palestine to become the independent State which was promised back in 1947.

The Uniting Church in Australia seeks to respond to their plea by talking, praying and engaging in the situation in the Holy Land.

Congregations, Church Councils, congregational groups and individual church members are invited to raise awareness in their communities of the plight of Palestinians. The Assembly President and General Secretary invite Church Councils to get involved in the Living Stones campaign (</news/item/2515-a-letter-to-church-councillors>) by sharing this information and subscribing to our mailing list.



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What is a settlement?

Israeli settlements are segregated enclaves built only for Israeli Jews on Palestinian land in the West Bank.

[Read more \(/palestine/what-is-a-settlement\)](/palestine/what-is-a-settlement)

What is a boycott?

The word 'boycott' quickly spread internationally as a description of such non-violent action which saw the refusal of labour or refusal of association and/or investment with individuals, groups, companies or political entities with a view to seeking a change of political and economic practice.



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What are other churches doing?

Some are boycotting all companies that profit from the Occupation, others are divesting in companies, and others, like the UCA are engaging in a settlement boycott.

[Read more \(/palestine/what-are-other-churches-doing\)](/palestine/what-are-other-churches-doing)

Links

UCA Statements on Jews and Judaism (</resources/key-papers-reports/item/1704-jews-and-judaism>)

A Prayer for Peace

(/images/Ministries/ROF/images/stories/A_Prayer_For_Peace_Q__A_PaperED.pdf)

Bethlehem Mayor wants more than Prayers for Peace: Crosslight (<http://crosslight.org.au/2016/09/18/bethlehem-mayor-wants-prayers-peace/>)

NCC/WCC Consultation on the Holy Land: Statement by General Secretaries

(<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/general-secretary/joint-declarations/statement-by-general-secretaries-rev-dr-olav-fykse-tveit-wcc-and-jim-winkler-nccusa>)

Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network (<http://pien.org.au/>)

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (<http://eappi.org/en>)

Don't Buy Settlement Products
(<http://dontbuysettlementproducts.org.au/>)



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