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A Joint Statement on the Kairos Palestine Declaration

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Dear siblings in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ,

We offer you our Advent greetings in the name of Christ, whose birth we prepare to remember in just a few weeks. In this season of preparation, we focus our attention to Bethlehem – where Jesus was born more than two millennia ago, and where Palestinian Christians today continue to offer a witness of hope and love in their community and to the world.

Just last month, the Palestinian Christian ecumenical initiative, Kairos Palestine, gathered in Bethlehem to release a new and powerful declaration, “[A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide](#).” The document is an important and authentic theological statement from a place of deep pain, and an urgent appeal to the global church to take meaningful and appropriate action in light of the suffering Palestinians have experienced – not just in the past two years of genocide, but for decades.

This Kairos Palestine II statement follows previous declarations, including the initial December 2009 document, “[A Moment of Truth: A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering](#),” and the July 2020 letter, “[Cry for Hope](#).” Both previous documents point to the challenges Palestinians face, the ways Palestinian Christians offer a Christian witness in the midst of such hardships and calls to the world’s Christians (and others) to stand in solidarity. “[A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide](#)” is written in the context of the especially devastating catastrophe of genocide, and so carries a particular urgency that must not be ignored.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ, through Global Ministries, have [labored](#) to walk in faithful solidarity with our partners in Palestine and Israel, and the Middle East in these two years, as we have historically. Our accompaniment has led us to name and call for an end to Israel’s genocide by our [UCC](#) and [Disciples](#) leadership and our General [Synod](#) and [Assembly](#); advocate for an end to our own government’s enabling and support of Israel’s military campaign; support partners’ responses to the needs of their communities; and offer prayers and educational opportunities. We are grateful for the efforts of our members in this shared work. Now we urge you to continue to do what is necessary to effect change.

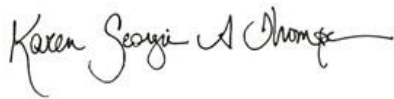
Our church leaders [commended](#) those earlier Kairos Palestine documents for study and action. As we receive this new call from our Palestinian Christian siblings, we likewise urge you to read it carefully and reflect on how you can take action.

In its [2025 Christmas Appeal](#), Kairos Palestine names what advocates can do:

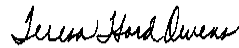
1. Name the reality truthfully
2. Advocate for accountability and international law
3. Reject theologies that justify oppression
4. Practice costly solidarity
5. Support creative, nonviolent resistance

The [Kairos Palestine II document](#) concludes, “From the heart of pain, genocide and displacement, we raise this cry, a prophetic cry of steadfastness. We declare our commitment to work for the good of this land and of all humanity on the basis of our shared humanity **until the day we live free in our land together with all the inhabitants of the land in true peace and reconciliation founded on justice and equality for all God’s creation, where mercy and truth meet, and righteousness and peace kiss each other** (Psalm 85:10).

May we continue to walk in solidarity with our partners so that a peace with justice may prevail in the land of Jesus’ birth and ministry.



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