

## The Message of World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel, from the World Council of Churches:

It's time for Palestine.  
It's time for Palestinians & Israelis to share a just peace.

It's time to respect human lives in the land called holy.  
It's time for healing to begin in wounded souls.  
It's time to end 60 years of conflict, oppression & fear.  
It's time for freedom from occupation.

It's time for equal rights.  
It's time to stop discrimination, segregation and restrictions on movement.  
It's time for those who put up walls and fences to build them on their own property.  
It's time to stop bulldozing one community's homes and building homes for the other community on land that is not theirs.  
It's time to do away with double standards.

It's time for Israeli citizens to have security and secure borders agreed with their neighbours.  
It's time for the international community to implement 60 years of United Nations resolutions.  
It's time for Israel's government to complete the bargain offered in the Arab Peace Initiative.



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It's time for those who represent the Palestinian people to all be involved in making peace.  
It's time for people who have been refugees for 60 years to regain their rights and a permanent home.  
It's time to assist settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territories to make their home in Israel.  
It's time for self-determination.

It's time for foreigners to visit Bethlehem and other towns imprisoned by the wall.  
It's time to see settlements in their comfort and refugee camps in their despair.

It's time for people living more than 40 years under occupation to feel new solidarity from a watching world.

It's time to name the shame of collective punishment and to end it in all its forms.

It's time to be revolted by violence against civilians and for civilians on both sides to be safe.

It's time for both sides to release their prisoners and give those justly accused a fair trial.

It's time to reunite the people of Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

It's time for all parties to obey international humanitarian and human rights law.

It's time to share Jerusalem as the capital of two nations and a city holy to three religions.

It's time for Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities to be free to visit their holy sites.

It's time in Palestine as in Israel for olive trees to flourish and grow old.

It's time to honour all who have suffered, Palestinians and Israelis.

It's time to learn from past wrongs.

It's time to understand pent-up anger and begin to set things right.

It's time for those with blood on their hands to acknowledge what they have done.

It's time to seek forgiveness between communities and to repair a broken land together.

It's time to move forward as human beings who are all made in the image of God.

**All who are able to speak truth to power must speak it.  
All who would break the silence surrounding injustice must break it.**

**All who have something to give for peace must give it.**

**For Palestine, for Israel, and for a troubled world,  
It's time for peace.** (emphasis added)

*"Justice is not only a nice term; it is justice that must be the basis of a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians. This means a peace based on human rights and international law. Nothing less will do."* **Jeff Halper, Director, Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions**

*it's time for palestine*



## World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel

May 29 – June 4, 2010



Joint action for just peace convened by the World Council of Churches  
[www.worldweekforpeace.org](http://www.worldweekforpeace.org)

United Methodists' **Holy Land Task Force**  
It's Time for Palestinians & Israelis to share a Just Peace.

## Together

People of all faiths are increasingly concerned about the situation in Palestine and Israel.

The **World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel (WWPPI)** is an initiative of the World Council of Churches that offers us an opportunity to pray, learn more about how people's lives are affected by this ongoing conflict, and take action.

***This week is only a beginning. Together we can become stronger and continue to work for a just peace for all the people of the Holy Land throughout the year.***



### Prayer for World Week for Peace

For our Muslim brothers and sisters in Palestine/Israel this day, we pray 'Assalamu Alaikum.' For our Jewish brothers and sisters in Palestine/Israel this day, we pray 'Shalom Aleichem.' For our Christian brothers and sisters, the Living Stones, in Palestine/Israel, this day, we pray 'may peace be with you.' For those who seek togetherness, we pray for a just peace. Amen. *(Find more prayers and worship resources at [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org))*

*"Our question to our brothers and sisters in the Churches today is: Are you able to help us get our freedom back? For this is the only way you can help the two peoples attain justice, peace, security and love."*

**The Kairos Palestine Document**



**Choose from this brochures' resources to learn and to plan activities – for individuals and in groups, during World Week for Peace *and beyond*:**

- ☉ Engage with the **Kairos Palestine Document** - read it yourself, discuss it in a group. Read and download the document at: [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org) (see link on Home Page) Learn more about it at: [www.kairospalestine.ps](http://www.kairospalestine.ps)
- ✧ Help the Palestinian economy by buying Palestinian products: olive oil, woodwork, embroidered items. Find sources: [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org) (Take Action - Palestinian products)
- ✧ Learn the history and current issues of the Middle East conflict: [www.umhltf.org](http://www.umhltf.org)
- ☉ Use the WWPPI Message at church (read it on back of this brochure - download it at [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org)) Download worship resources at [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org) and (in several languages) at [worldweekforpeace.org](http://worldweekforpeace.org)
- ✧ Invite a speaker from one of the groups in this brochure to help you understand and take action for a just peace. Email us for help: [info@umhltf.org](mailto:info@umhltf.org)
- ✧ Hold a Middle Eastern meal at church or home and show a movie - find suggested films and a possible menu at [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org) (Take Action - Plan an Event)
- ☉ Use resources at sites in this brochure to engage your reps in Congress. Find resources at [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org) (Take Action - Political Advocacy)
- ✧ Write a letter to the editor of your newspaper - find examples at [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org) (Take Action - The Press & Media)

*"We support the call to all of our faithful as well as to the Israeli and Palestinian leaders, to the international community and world churches to accelerate the achievement of justice, peace and reconciliation in this Holy Land." **The Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem re the Kairos Palestine Document***



**Useful links for information & action:**

- United Methodists' Holy Land Task Force: [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org)
- Booklet on Middle East conflict in Spanish: [umhltf.org](http://umhltf.org) (See Background – Spanish)
- General Board of Church & Society, UMC: [umc-gbcs.org](http://umc-gbcs.org)
- Ecumenical Accompaniment Program, an initiative of the World Council of Churches: [eappi.org](http://eappi.org)
- Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSa): [mfsaweb.org](http://mfsaweb.org) (click on 'Peace' box)
- Presbyterian Church USA: [israelpalestinecommissionnetwork.org](http://israelpalestinecommissionnetwork.org)
- Friends of Sabeel, North America - Voice of the Palestinian Christians: [fosna.org](http://fosna.org)
- Churches for Middle East Peace: [cmep.org](http://cmep.org)
- Israeli Committee Against House Demolition: [icahd.org](http://icahd.org)
- If Americans Knew: [ifamericansknew.org](http://ifamericansknew.org)
- End the Occupation: [endtheoccupation.org](http://endtheoccupation.org)
- B'tselem - Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories: [btselem.org](http://btselem.org)