



US Campaign to
End the Israeli Occupation

We work to **end** U.S. support for Israel's 44-year occupation of the Palestinian West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. We uphold equal rights for all.



www.RabbisLetter.org
We support church divestment from Israel's occupation

Sample script for calling delegates...

(Also see script for Voicemail messages at the end.)

Note: You do not need to read this or use it. You can scrap and re-create it, to make it your own. This is just if you prefer having a script.

Hi, may I please speak with _____?

Hi, this is _____. I'm a (*insert: member of _____, Palestinian Christian, Jewish American, person who has traveled to Israel/Palestine, local teacher, etc*). I hope you had a Happy Easter!

Do you have a moment to chat?

(*If you're from the same area geographically, mention it here.*) I'm calling because I was so happy to learn about the resolution that is being considered at General Conference to divest from companies involved in the Israeli occupation. I'm a strong supporter of divestment. Do you know much about the resolution?

Do you have any questions that I could answer?

If they don't know about the resolution:

Methodist peace-seekers are working to align the church's investment policies with your stated positions on ending the Israeli occupation. You can read more about the initiative on the website, www.kairosresponse.org. You can also visit www.rabbisletter.org. I'd be happy to email it to you (*verify email address*).

(You can refer to the fact that they should have received materials in the mail from United Methodist Kairos Response. If they say they didn't get them, confirm their mailing address so we have it right for next time.)

Some things you might say during the conversation:

Your church has been making declarations about the immorality of the occupation for so long. This is about aligning your investments with your beliefs and your words. You did the same thing with South Africa. It's so important and your church should be really proud of taking this kind of moral action.

There are over 3,000 people around the country who have signed a petition endorsing the resolution, including many Jews, Palestinian Christians, and others. The Archbishop Desmond Tutu and lots of other Christian leaders have also endorsed divestment, and there's a letter of support for the resolution from a bunch of rabbis at www.rabbisletter.org. There's a lot of support for divestment. I'd be happy to send you the link (*verify email address*).

You can also talk about your personal experience if you've been there...

Review the FAQs document to find good points to make and good answers to questions you might here.

What more could I provide you with to help you make the decision?

If there are questions you can't answer:

I don't know the answer to that question off the top of my head but I could definitely send you the answer. Can I verify your email address? (*verify it*)

If you are near them:

Would have any interest in meeting, so I could give you more information? I'd love to take you to coffee?

If they are clearly hostile:

Thanks very much. Have a good day... (*and hang up!*)

If they are clearly strong supporters:

Would you be willing to contact other delegates in your conference about the issue before the General Conference? We've developed some good educational materials that may help. If it's okay someone from UMKR will follow up with you soon and discuss ways you'd like to help. (*Verify their email address.*)

IMPORTANT – Make sure to [fill out the reportback form after each call](#), and touch base with your point person! (*And send the delegate any information he/she may have requested.*)

Sample Voicemail Message

Hi, this is a message for _____. This is _____ and I'm a *(insert: member of _____, Palestinian Christian, Jewish American, person who has traveled to Israel/Palestine, local teacher, etc)*. I was hoping to chat with you. I hope you had a Happy Easter!

(If you're from the same area geographically, mention it here.) I'm calling because I was so inspired to learn about the resolution that is being considered at General Conference to divest from companies involved in the Israeli occupation. I'm a strong supporter of divestment, along with lots of Christian leaders like the Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and many Jews and rabbis – there's actually a new letter of support from rabbis at www.rabbisletter.org. *(if you have their email address, maybe you could say you'll email it too?)*

Anyway, your church has been making declarations about the immorality of the occupation for so long and it's really honorable that you're aligning your investments with your beliefs and your words, like you did with South Africa.

I think you should have received some materials from United Methodist Kairos Response in the mail, although I'm sure you are overwhelmed by lots of mail these days! I'd be delighted to speak with you and answer any questions you might have.

I'm not sure if you're a phone or an email person, but I can be reached by phone at _____ or by email at _____. Again, my name is _____ and I can be reached... Thanks so much.

Questions?

Send them to us!

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