



## An Open Letter and Pledge to Palestinian Christians

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Dearest friends in Christ,

We write to you with unwavering solidarity, with broken hearts, and with a crushing awareness of our inability to end the nightmare in which you are living. We mourn our weakness and confess our shame at the profound moral failure of our political and our Church leaders during this most urgent crisis.

For years, our Episcopal Church has rejected appeals to name apartheid, genocide, and ethnic cleansing. It has failed to endorse a full economic and cultural boycott of the genocidal Zionist state and refused even to acknowledge Palestinians as an indigenous people of the Holy Land. It has instead adopted a cowardly and delusional stance of “engaging both sides” and “keeping open the lines of communication”. The bleak harvest of these failures and delusions is now apparent.

In times like these, where does the resurrection hope live? As you have taught us by your decades of *sumud*, we believe that it lives in the assurance of resistance and in the cultural and spiritual expressions of Palestinian national identity, which will shine forever amidst all efforts to extinguish them.

During these dark days and in whatever future awaits, we pledge to stand with you and to stand in opposition to the Church’s complicity of silence about genocide, ethnic cleansing, and apartheid.

With great respect and steadfast love,  
The Episcopal Peace Fellowship Palestine Justice Network  
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