



A JUST PEACE NOW!

End 50 Years of Occupation

June 5, 2017, marks 50 years since the end of the Six-Day War and the beginning of Israeli military occupation in the West Bank.

Imagine living in your own homeland with no real status. Your movements are controlled by an occupying army; your homes and crops threatened with demolition.

Palestinians live under this constant pressure every day, and seek a just peace for a free and abundant future.

The United Church partners with Palestinians and Israelis to seek just peace in the Holy Land. To learn more, visit www.united-church.ca/social-action/ and select "Unsettling Goods."

Resist the Occupation: Take Action

Stand in solidarity and say, "Fifty years of occupation—enough!"

Contact your MP and ask the Canadian government to

- pressure the Israeli government to cease all settlement activity
- intensify diplomatic efforts for a just and lasting peace based on UN resolutions and international law



Visit www.united-church.ca/social-action/ for resources to help craft a letter to your MP.

Prayer to Mark 50 Years of Occupation

Like an olive tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream,
our hope for peace will not falter,
and our passion for justice will not be uprooted,
despite 50 long years of drought.

Our leaves will remain green
because your hope shines so brightly
that even in the midst of fear,
discrimination, and illegal settlements,
people still witness and cling to your presence
and life among them.

Our roots will remain strong
because your Spirit dwells within us,
calling us to be friends and co-workers
with all who are working toward
a just and lasting peace in Palestine and Israel.

Our branches will never cease to bear fruit
because our teacher guides us toward reconciliation,
and the creation of a world where all can live
in justice and peace.

Until freedom for all comes,
may it be so.
Amen.

