

What next steps can you take on behalf of our Palestinian brothers and sisters?

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8 NIV)*

Pray and Ask God how God’s leading you to act! Doing Justice requires us to be creative and to be led by the Holy Spirit. Remember that— even though we are always equipped by the Spirit and by community— justice also comes with risk. Some risk is worthwhile as we act justly. And every risk should be taken on with discernment since every risk doesn’t affect everyone the same way. Reflect on your capacity, connections, and resources as you decide how to act.

Reflect and discuss: Carve out 45 minutes or more to discuss the following questions with the people you gathered with for the “Gaza, the Church, and Our Response” event on October 8th, 2025:			
What new information did you learn tonight? Or what were you reminded of that you will hold more tightly in mind?	What are you lamenting or grieving as you walk away from our time together?	After attending tonight’s event, what questions do you still have? How do you plan to go about getting those questions answered?	After attending tonight’s event, what next steps do you plan on taking to help contribute to Justice for Gaza and protest against the genocide in Gaza?

Invitations to Act: consider engaging in any of the following action steps:
(Special thanks to Chealsia Smedley and Joyce Lee, Sanctuary Columbus Church members, for compiling our initial list of action steps.)

Act Justly through Learning	Act Justly by Giving	Act Justly through Protest/Advocacy
Learn the history and theology of Christian Zionism from “Christ in the Rubble: Faith, the	Give to Palestinians on the ground. Watermelon Sisters is run by Christian	Boycott! Look at the official BDS (Boycott, Divest Sanction) list made by Palestinians to

Bible, and the Genocide in Gaza" by Munther Isaac.	Palestinians and provides food and water to people on the ground in Gaza. Their most recent campaign is to provide water to the only Catholic church in Gaza, where clergy have refused to leave amid bombardment so that they can be with their community who can't leave.	pressure companies to stop funding genocide. Take small, but effective steps like cancelling your Amazon and Disney + account. Check out this guide to BDS, or download Boycat and choose "Palestine" for who to boycott. Share this resource with a friend.
Read and be shaped by Palestinian stories. One example is the following free book download, "Sung-jee and A'isha: A Children's Book on Standing in Solidarity with Palestine" co-written by Joyce Y. Lee (Sanctuary Columbus Church member).	Palestinian Futures Fund: The Palestinian Futures Fund is a higher education scholarship initiative led by university faculty and staff across the United States. The scholarship will fund Palestinian students to pursue an educational degree in any country. Preference is given to applicants from Gaza, those wanting to pursue an undergrad degree, and students lacking other financial resources and opportunities.	Join the Global Strike For Gaza. Every Thursday, there is a global call to not spend any money. Use that time instead to take action.
Listen to the "Across the Divide" (Podcast) Dr. Daniel Bannoura is a co-host of Across the Divide podcast, a joint Palestinian and American podcast that explores the intersection of the Christian faith and social justice in the context of Palestine-Israel and its relationship to the church in the West. Guests on the podcast provide diverse backgrounds and perspectives, and are involved, theologically and practically, in the pursuit of justice and peace in Palestine and Israel. Access the Instagram, Spotify, and Apple Podcast platforms for this podcast by clicking	The Sameer Project is working tirelessly across the Gaza strip to feed people, provide water, and also help people to evacuate to move south under Israel's invasion of Gaza City. A tent for one family costs \$2000 and they are running out of funds	Send letters to your congress people urging them to sign onto the Block the Bombs Act. This bill is historic in the fact that it's already sponsored by 49 lawmakers. Paper letters are much more effective than an email. Get people together and flood your representatives' emails with letters. It's important to share a personal story of how this issue affects you and make a clear call to action.

the following link: https://danielbannoura.com/podcast/ You can also use the patreon page of Across the Divide to financially support the podcast: https://patreon.com/acrossthedivide		
Read Dr. Bannoura's Resource Packet (Google Doc) by clicking the following link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JHWbiYVQ4sD5gX-o0yHC-5hXnYIKPf0kBvw2rZSJfiE/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.s5pglctsq6k9	Give financially to Mahmoud and his family who have fled from Gaza City to Rafah: https://chuffed.org/project/127957-help-get-these-children-to-safety	Gather friends or your small group and schedule a meeting with your congress person. In person meetings are even more effective. The Friends Committee on National Legislation, a historic Quaker organization, shares how to set up a meeting and what to say when you're there. Need more help? Email Hassan El-Tayyab at hassan@fcn1.org. He recently led a workshop to help Christians advocate for the Block the Bombs Act at Church at the Crossroads conference.
		Sign the CATX Declaration: This document is a public declaration of Christians gathered at the 2025 Church at the Crossroads conference in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. In it, we seek to respond to two public calls from our Christian siblings in Palestine and the Middle East: "An Open Letter from Palestinian Christians to Western Church Leaders and Theologians" (October 2023) and "A Collective Call to the Global Church from Middle East Evangelical Leaders" (August 2024). Use the following link: http://churchatthecrossroads.com/declaration

		Christ at the Checkpoint: The Bethlehem Institute of Peace and Justice (led by Munther Isaac) has announced the 8th Christ at the Checkpoint Conference, in Bethlehem, Palestine, on May 26–30, 2022, with the theme of “Kingdom Ethics in the Face of War & Genocide.” This is an opportunity to physically visit Palestine/Israel, learn from Palestinian Christians, gather in pursuit of justice, peacemaking, and faithful discipleship rooted in Scripture. Dr. Daniel Bannoura will be leading delegates to visit Palestine/Israel and attend the conference. Registration coming soon and find additional details here: https://christatthecheckpoint.bethbc.edu/
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