

Unified Organizational Statement on Palestine-Israel¹

The goal of this statement is to present unified, unconditional, organizational support for Palestinian human rights, as well as united opposition to discrimination by the state of Israel. It will demonstrate unity and solidarity among religious and secular US organizations.

Through this statement, groups can speak with one voice to the US government and the press, powerfully helping to urge long-overdue changes in US-Israel/Palestine policy.

The statement's human rights focus will enable group members to gain a deeper understanding of the Israel-Palestinian issue. It will also help build support for fundamental changes in US policy: the championing of basic human rights for all people worldwide and at home.

The Statement

We stand together as organizations and groups that are committed to universal human rights and the equality of all people, independent of their racial background, ethnicity, and land of origin. Equality and human rights are foundational human values. They are a requirement for justice and peace.

Unfortunately, the State of Israel has violated Palestinians' human rights since its establishment in 1948. It has denied Palestinians their freedom and citizenship. It has ruled over them with highly discriminatory legal systems and has continually forced them violently from their land.

The United States has taken an active role in the oppression and dispossession of Palestinians. Israel is the largest recipient of US foreign aid. This aid includes massive support for weaponry, some of which is used to occupy and blockade Palestinians, as well as kill Palestinian children and their families, and destroy Palestinian homes, schools, hospitals, and infrastructure. Meanwhile, the US shields Israel from condemnation with repeated vetoes in the UN Security Council.

We cannot stand in silence while these human rights violations continue with our country's support. We demand that the US cease support for Israel until Israel

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offers equality to Palestinians, ends the occupation, lifts the Gaza blockade, and allows Palestinian refugees at last to return.

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Organizational Signatures:

- National/Regional Religious Organizations:
 - American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
 - Central Pacific Conference UCC (United Church of Christ) PIN
 - Episcopal Peace Fellowship-Palestine Israel Network
 - Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA)
 - Friends of Wadi Foquin (Methodist)
 - Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace
 - Quakers Advocating Justice for Palestine
 - Quaker Palestine-Israel Network (QPIN)
 - The Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church USA
 - Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East

- State/Local Religious Organizations:
 - Burlington Friends Meeting, Vermont
 - Delaware Churches for Middle East Peace
 - Floyd Friends Meeting (Religious Society of Friends), Virginia
 - Live Oak Friends Meeting, Houston TX
 - Multnomah Friends Meeting, Portland OR
 - Pax Christi Metro DC Baltimore (PCMDCB)
 - Pax Christi New York State
 - Peace and Social Justice Committee, Boulder Friends Meeting
 - Peace and Social Justice Committee of Cambridge Friends Meeting
 - Quaker Palestine Israel Network-Multnomah Friends Meeting, Portland OR

- Human Rights, Peace, and Justice Organizations:
 - CAIR-Texas Austin & DFW
 - CAIR-Texas Houston
 - Center for Freedom and Justice - Colorado
 - CODEPINK
 - Delawareans for Palestinian Human Rights
 - Hawaii Peace and Justice
 - Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) - Albuquerque
 - Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) - Portland
 - Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) - San Antonio
 - Peace Action Broome County, New York
 - Plowshare Peace & Justice Center - Roanoke, Virginia
 - Richmonders for Peace in Israel-Palestine
 - Texas Coalition for Human Rights

- Virginia Coalition for Human Rights
- Veterans Organizations:
 - Veterans For Peace Chapter 113-Hawaii