

#CeasefireDuets

TOOLKIT FOR TAKING ONLINE ACTION FOR PALESTINE



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Note: if you're looking for our toolkit for how to host an in-person caroling action, you're looking at the wrong toolkit. Link to that toolkit is [here](#).

I. GOALS OF #CEASEFIREDUETS

For more of the background behind this project and resources about Christian hegemony, Palestine, anti-semitism, and more, please visit the political education section of our in-person action guide [here](#).

- **We aim to spread the message online of a permanent ceasefire, and be visible and outspoken for ceasefire as Christian/lineage people**, making this demand alongside Palestinian, anti-Zionist Jews, and the many other communities speaking up.
- **We aim to move our politicians to publicly call for a ceasefire** by sending digital “Ceasefire Christmas Cards” to their representatives featuring their TikTok duets.

Over the past month, hundreds of ceasefire caroling actions around the world have demonstrated that a demand for a permanent ceasefire is a popular one. We must show our politicians who have not yet called publicly for a ceasefire that there is widespread popular support for a ceasefire, and that we are holding them accountable to listen to their humanity as well as their constituents. We demand a permanent ceasefire NOW.

II. How to make a TikTok Duet

(if you are the type of learner who prefers to watch a video, here's a [Youtube instruction vid](#) instead)

1. Find the original video on TikTok that you want to sing along or harmonize with. We recommend going to TikTok and searching “ceasefireduets” to find some options.
 - a. [Here](#) is an example of a TikTok you could duet
2. Before recording, practice your harmonies a few times with the original video.
3. When you’re ready to record, select the “Send to” arrow on the right hand column (below the “Like” and “Comment” buttons)
4. On the bottom row of options, click “Duet.”
5. You should see a split-screen with you on the left side and the original video on the right side. The default duet setting on TikTok mutes your microphone, so make sure that your microphone icon on the right side of your screen is white (and not red).
6. Click record and add your voice to the mix! Click the red checkmark and then “Next” when you’re done.
7. If the original harmony layer doesn’t already have the lyrics automatically pop up, select the “captions” option on the right side of the screen. It’s important that the lyrics are visible since that’s what’s communicating our message and making it notably different from a regular carol.
8. What to put in the caption?
 - a. Hashtag #CeasefireDuets (without this hashtag, our team won’t be able to find your video)
 - b. Hashtag your politicians who haven’t yet publicly called for a ceasefire. (For those in the USA, we recommend using this [Ceasefire Tracker](#) that the Working Families Party created). You

might have to search the TikTok search bar for different variations of your politicians' name... for example Senator Amy Klobuchar is #klobuchar while Senator Tina Smith is #tinasmith. Look for the hashtag with more than 800,000 views, that's probably the correct hashtag.

- c. Anything else you want to add about why YOU are moved to take action
- d. Here's a sample caption



III. How to make an Instagram Remix Reel

[Here is an instructional video](#) for recording harmonies over Instagram.

III. How to send to your politicians as digital Christmas Cards

Tagging your politicians on the videos is one way to continue to put pressure on them; sending the TikTok Duets directly to their inboxes is an even stronger way to let them and their staff know that their constituents are paying attention to their stance on Palestine.

Step 1: Identify their public email address by going to their website. This is one example of what that could look like.

United States Senator
AMY KLOBUCHAR Working for the People of
MINNESOTA

Email Amy

Share This: [f](#) [t](#)

[Home](#) / [Contact](#) / [Email Amy](#)

Opinion or Question on an issue

*Note: Fields marked with an * are required.*
For all federal agency casework requests, please fill out our [Casework Contact](#) form.

Prefix

First Name *

Last Name *

Related

- Offices
- Email Amy
- Casework Contact
- Privacy Act Release Form

Step 2: Write a message about why YOU are demanding a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. Here is a script:

EXAMPLE OF LETTER TO YOUR POLITICIAN

Dear Senator Klobuchar,

Attached is a Christmas Carol I've recorded for your office.

I am calling -- *and singing* -- for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, for a release of all hostages, for an end to military aid to Israel, and for an end to Israel's occupation and apartheid in Palestine.

Over 18,700 people have been killed in Palestine, 1,200 people have been killed in Israel, and over 90% of all Gazans have been displaced since Oct. 7. We are heartbroken, and we cannot feel the joy that we often feel during the Christmas season. We cannot let Christmas go on as usual as we witness the ongoing genocide taking place in Gaza. This Christmas season, we demand that you call publicly for an immediate and lasting ceasefire.

Palestinian Christian churches have canceled Christmas celebrations this year, calling instead for services of prayer and grief for Gaza. They have called on Western Christians to act. We

are a group of secular and practicing Christians who are responding to that call. We are joining and following the demands from Palestinian, Arab, Muslim and Jewish-led movements. We stand against Islamophobia and Antisemitism, and we recognize our responsibility for these violent systems as Christian people, especially those of us who are white. We want a future of peace and safety for all people in Palestine / Israel. We aim to act in alignment with Christian teachings for peace and liberation.

As secular and practicing Christians, what's happening in Palestine and Israel is our issue and our problem. From the Balfour Declaration, to British Colonization of Palestine, to the massive Christian Zionist lobby in the US today, Christians hold grave responsibility for the 75 years of violence in the region. Christians created antisemitism and islamophobia, and these systems have resulted in centuries of war, genocide, displacement, and resource extraction from non-Christian peoples. True safety for Jewish, Muslim, and Arab people will only come when we end these systems of violence. As US citizens, our tax dollars fund US military aid to Israel. We feel grief and rage about what is happening today, and we will not be complicit. Today we say: No more. We will not stand by silently while this violence continues.

We have a choice to end this genocide. Senator Klobuchar, you have the choice to act, and to stand on the right side of history by calling for a permanent ceasefire and an end to the occupation of Palestine. As your constituents, we demand that you act now!

(LINK TO TIKTOK OR INSTAGRAM VIDEO YOU RECORDED)