



EPISCOPAL CHURCH POLICY ON PALESTINE – ISRAEL

THE OCCUPATION:

Israeli **settlements** in the occupied territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem are illegal under international law (1994-D064)*. Israeli **demolition of Palestinian homes** in the Occupied Territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem is illegal under international law (2003-D008). Call for “the **withdrawal by Israel** from all occupied Palestinian territories” (EC-2006).

“Israeli **security wall** [is an] impediment ... [to] negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict” (2003-D081).

“**Jerusalem** is a holy city to the three Abrahamic faiths, where full respect must be accorded to the civil rights and religious interests of all persons. ... Relocation of the **US Embassy** from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem at this time creates an additional obstacle to peace” (2018-B003)**.

Calls on the U.S. Government “to press the State of Israel to end the **blockade of the Gaza Strip**” (EC- 2006, 2010, 2014); to investigate Israeli **war crimes against civilians** (2018-D027).

PALESTINIAN RIGHTS:

Affirms the principle of the **right of return** for every Palestinian (2000-B016).

Put pressure on Israel to **end human rights violations** (2018-D027). Restore **UNRWA and USAID Funding** for Palestinians (2018-B021).

With regard to **Palestinian children**, Israeli authorities must “stop night arrests, using blindfolds and hoods, separation from parents, physical and psychological violence, isolation, coerced confessions and unlawful transfers” (2018-C038).

ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON ISRAEL:

Require Israeli Government to account to the U.S. Government for all aid, to be in compliance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; **hold in escrow aid to Israel** by an amount equal to funds invested in expansion of Settlements in West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem (1991-D008).

Directs development of an “**investment screen**” and No-buy List for companies profiting from the Occupation; encourages continued pursuit of shareholder advocacy to curb corporate complicity in human rights violations (2018-B016).

Demand enforcement of **legal prohibitions on Israel’s use of U.S. aid** to violate human rights such as by killing unarmed Palestinian protesters (2018-D027).

*visit https://www.episcopalarchives.org/cgi-bin/acts/acts_search.pl to view resolutions passed prior to 2018. **view 2018 Resolutions at <https://epfnational.org/pin/final-report-on-palestine-resolutions-at-the-79th-general-convention/>