Act and Fast With Gaza – June 2025 Take Action

The United Church of Canada invites and encourages communities of faith to:

* **Pray:** use the worship resources to pray for Palestinians resisting the Israeli government’s genocidal acts on Gaza through a brutal military campaign, starvation, denial of humanitarian assistance, and ethnic cleansing.
* **Consider A Fast for Gaza**: in many faith traditions, a time of fasting has been a way to draw closer in solidarity to siblings facing injustice and deepen spiritual reflection. This is not possible for many who face hunger and lack of access to food. Some who are able to may wish to consider participating in [A Fast for Gaza](https://www.fosna.org/2025gazafast) for 40 days-- or only for as many days as they are able.
* **Join the World Council of Churches Campaign to Stop Annexation, End the Occupation: Pave a Path for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel** From May 11 to June 11th, communities of faith are invited to join the World Council of Churches’ Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel campaign urging governments, including Canada, to stop the Israeli government’s annexation of East Jerusalem and the West Bank and to end the illegal occupation.
* **Call for Canada to impose comprehensive sanctions on the Israel government**: United Church people, including those fasting, are encouraged to phone their MP’s Parliamentary or Constituency office every day for 40 days. \*To find your MP’s Parliamentary and/or Constituency phone number, enter your postal code [here](https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en). Phone your MP and ask them to urge Canada to:

a) recall the Canadian Ambassador to Israel immediately;

b) revoke the credentials of the Israeli Ambassador to Canada;

c) embargo all trade with Israel until it ends the genocide in Gaza and its military occupation; and

d) place diplomatic, economic and political sanctions on the Israeli government.

* **Add your signature to the two petitions below in solidarity with Palestinian Christian Women and Global Kairos for Justice:**
  + [Women's Voice for Gaza: A Palestinian Christian Call for Justice and Life](https://chng.it/HMvWMj2GQS)
  + [Global Kairos for Justice: A Global Call to affirm and uphold Palestinian Rights and the Rule of International Law](https://chng.it/HSQjtPjbFk)

**Share your efforts and inspire others to join you in taking action:** Keep a log of your calls to your MP (dates and times) and share the record of your log after 40 days to**:** [**justice@united-church.ca**](mailto:justice@united-church.ca)