

Let's keep talking

...about just peace in Palestine and Israel

Is the United Church boycotting Israel?

The United Church is asking settlement enterprises, built deliberately on occupied Palestinian land, to end their production on this land; retailers to stop carrying these products; and United Church members to stop purchasing them. **This action focuses only on Israeli settlement products** and the government policy behind them, not on Israeli products in general.

Did God give Israel the land?

There are many ways to read our sacred texts, but using the Bible to justify modern claims about land is problematic. We have always believed in God's promise of peace; whatever creates violent competition is not of God. **Both Israelis and Palestinians have deep and historic connections with the land.** May that be our starting point.

Will there will ever be peace in Palestine and Israel?

We know from **Palestinians and Israelis** that most **want equal human rights and self-determination.** Over the decades and today, there have been many examples of peaceful and courageous co-operation, even during times of intense violence.

Is the United Church antisemitic?

The United Church abhors antisemitism and all other forms of racism. Unsettling Goods is not about Jewish people. Rather, the campaign focuses on Israel's policy of building settlements on occupied Palestinian land, which the United Church has identified as a major contributor to the injustice that underlies the violence in the region.

Are Palestinians terrorists?

How can an entire nation or people be "terrorist"? Some Palestinians have turned to violent resistance, but **many have refused violence. The Unsettling Goods campaign is part of that non-violent response** to the military occupation and explores the root causes of the violence.

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