

Repentance and Resolve

We must repent and act in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

We know that the United States is built on stolen land, with stolen energies, and through occupation, even beyond our borders. Churches have been complicit in this, willing or unwilling, and have been complacent about it. Yet they have also provided faith-based leadership in the struggle toward justice.

Today, we are faced with US support for imperialist displacement and genocide of brothers and sisters in the holy land, the birthplace of three great religions. Palestinians in the West Bank face settler attacks and loss of their ancestral lands. Many Christians have already been pushed out. Millions of Palestinians in Gaza face starvation and displacement after destruction of the society they established in exile.

Christians in the United States have been blind to this disaster, blinded in part by guilt about our earlier ignorance of the European Holocaust and genocide of European Jews. It is, perhaps, that guilt which has led us to avert our gaze from the destruction of Gaza and the West Bank. We are again complicit. We must end our complacency and repent.

Let us wake up and reject US support for this genocide. The challenge is enormous, but we must act both individually and collectively. We must struggle to be “Peacemakers”, “To do justice and love mercy.”

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