RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT ECONOMIC ACTION TOWARD A
JUST PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Submitted by the Global Partnerships Team and the Finance Committee on March 10, 2017

Whereas the Global Partnerships Team of the Minnesota Conference has a particular mission
“To receive and share the Good News of Jesus Christ by joining with global partners, Global
Ministries, congregations of the Minnesota Conference, and Minnesota-based mission
personnel to work for justice, reconciliation, and peace;” and

Whereas Global Ministries partners in Palestine and Israel continue to call for international partners to
hold corporations accountable for their role in the ongoing conflict in the region, a conflict which keeps
people of Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths living in fear of violence;

Whereas the MN Conference resolved in 2005 to call upon on the Corporate Social Responsibility
Ministry of the United Church of Christ to guide the Pension Board and the United Church Funds to
begin the process of using economic leverage to support the creation of an economically viable
Palestinian state and to oppose the continued occupation of the West Bank; and

Whereas the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference passed a resolution entitled A Call for the
Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ to Take Actions Toward a Just Peace in the Israeli-
Palestinian Conflict, which resolved "To endorse the passage of the resolution entitled A Call for the
United Church of Christ to Take Actions Toward a Just Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, to be
presented at the 30th General Synod of the United Church of Christ; and for the Minnesota Conference
to consider at a future Annual Meeting of its members any action (such as divestment) proposed by an
Israel-Palestine resolution passed at the 30th General Synod, with a proposal on implementation to be
presented by members of the Finance Committee and the Global Partnership Team; and

Whereas the 30th General Synod of the United Church of Christ did pass the resolution entitled A Call
for the United Church of Christ to Take Actions Toward a Just Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,
which encourages entities of the United Church of Christ to divest from companies profiting from the
industries of occupation and illegal settlement in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and

Whereas the American Friends Services Committee, at the time of the writing of this resolution,
maintains a current list of companies profiting from the industries of occupation and illegal settlement
in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and the Palestine Israel Network of the United Church
of Christ recommends this list as the best practice for screening investments; and

Whereas the Minnesota Conference is committed to investing Conference funds in ways that promote
human health and dignity, environmental integrity and moral responsibility and in ways that are
consistent with the broader witness of the Church and resolutions of Annual Meeting, employing social
screens that include fossil fuels, tobacco and alcohol, conventional and nuclear weapons, and gambling;
and

Whereas the United Church Funds has faithfully taken action to divest from companies profiting from
the Occupation;
The Global Partnerships Team and the Finance Committee present the following resolution in fulfillment of the 2015 Annual Meeting resolution referenced above.

Be it resolved that the Minnesota Conference will regularly screen all current and future equities and future bonds for those companies named by the American Friends Service Committee, or other impartial high-quality source as determined by the Finance Committee on the advice of the Global Partnerships Team or the UCC’s Global Ministries, as profiting from the industries of occupation and illegal settlement in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and will, to the best of its ability, divest from those companies and funds.